

THE CHART



Ethan Yarbrough is not the average 8-year-old. He was born with Downs syndrome and has had to cope with a lot in his short life. For the week of Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, Noppadol Paothong spent time with Ethan photographing and learning about him and his daily life.... In The Spotlight, Page 10A

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Thefts result in loss of visitation privileges in Blaine

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

The crime was never reported, but Jeff Daniel, men's residence hall director, suspended visitation privileges for Blaine Hall residents after a recent theft.

A sign posted in the men's residence hall Tuesday reads:

Blaine Hall's visitation has been suspended for the rest of the year. This decision was effective Monday, December 6, and was made due to the recent thefts. Visitation will be reinstated upon admittance of the thefts. During this suspension, no females will be allowed in Blaine Hall.

In addition to females, residents may not

have family members visit Blaine Hall. Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, said the suspension does not apply to non-related male visitors. She said the decision was made Sunday.

"Our residence director [Daniel] did that with my blessing," she said.

Gipson said Daniel spoke with his staff before making the decision.

"This is a last resort tactic," she said.

Gipson said the tactic has been successfully used before.

"We don't use it unless we absolutely have to," she said. "It has never lasted more than a week."

Gipson said the most recent theft was Saturday or Sunday.

"It was the straw that broke the camel's back," she said.

The alleged crime prompted the suspension; however, no thefts were reported to campus security or to the police.

Campus security has responded to three thefts in Blaine Hall this semester. Only one of the alleged crimes was referred to the Joplin Police Department.

"They've ranged from small things to large things," Gipson said.

She said although the Joplin Police Department and campus security are investigating, no suspects have been identified.

JPD Detective Brian Lewis said there is only one Blaine Hall case, a Nov. 17 grand theft, in their dispatch log.

"I have not been assigned any other cases," Lewis said. "I don't know if they have reported them."

Adam Gassaway, freshman undecided major, reported his Compaq Presario laptop computer, valued at \$2,500, missing after returning to the residence hall after an evening away.

"We don't have many leads," Lewis said. "We are working on that now."

Lewis was not surprised by the report of thefts in Blaine Hall.

"A lot of people leave their doors unlocked," Lewis said.

Jared Headley, freshmen undecided major, reported a theft on Oct. 19. Headley said he was missing a bottle of Hydro-cut

pills, valued at \$50, a bottle of pH pills, also \$50, and a gold chain valued at \$250. Headley no longer lives on campus. Daniel told security he would do the followup involving a suspect.

Security received another theft call to Blaine Hall theft on Oct. 27.

Chris Thomas, freshman undecided major, reported the theft of his red 20-inch specialized bicycle.

Daniel again told security he was going to check with potential suspects.

Daniel did not return phone calls from The Chart.

Gipson said the suspension will be lifted

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HARMONY OF THE SEASON



Kim White, sophomore biology major, marches with the Missouri Southern Lion Pride Marching Band on Tuesday night in the annual Joplin Christmas Parade. The parade route went along Main Street from 20th Street to 1st Street.

MATT MADURA/The Chart

Business gains new accreditation

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

Two years of hard work have finally paid off for the school of business administration.

On Nov. 19, the school of business received a specialized accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The decision was made by the board of commissioners in the November meeting held at the national headquarters in Overland Park, Kan. This accreditation is in addition to Missouri Southern's accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

"This was a long process," said Dr. Holland (Neal) C. Blades, Jr., professor of business. "The outcome was well worth the amount of effort put into achieving this goal."

Blades served as coordinator for the project since it began in 1991. However, the final decision to pursue the accreditation came in 1997 following a faculty retreat, according to Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration.

Blades worked extensively with several other faculty members on the self-study. Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, provided the numerical statistics; Dr. Beverly Block, professor of business, edited the self-study; Kristal Swopes, senior business education major, typed the self-study. Twenty-four business faculty members contributed to the study, which took two years to complete.

"Oct. 17 to 21, three professors representing ACBSP came to Missouri Southern to verify the accuracy of the self-study," Blades said.

There are three main ways ACBSP accreditation will benefit students. First, students are more marketable, meaning they have a better chance of obtaining jobs with successful companies. Second, entry into graduate and professional schools is often easier for students with degrees from schools with specialized accreditations. Third, it will be easier to recruit students into Southern's school of business with ACBSP accreditations.

"No major changes were required to become accredited," Gray

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Model of the World

Students go to Chicago, hear U.N. official speak

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Representatives to the American Model United Nations were wowed by a world leader and the city scene at the convention last month in Chicago.

Seven Missouri Southern students attended the convention: Steve Holland, Andrew Simpson, Rob Huffman, Jason Kiefer, Nathaniel Smith, Jesse Dickerson, and Brad Toler.

The Southern squad represented the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

"It is a very small country," said Dr. Bill Kumbier, co-adviser.

Kumbier said one-third of the nation's economy is oil related.

While advocating Qatar's views on world issues, the team had the opportunity to peer through a window at the real United Nations.

"I think many who went would agree the speech by the president of the real General Assembly was a high point," he said.

His Excellency, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, a native of Namibia, presented a speech titled, "Highlights of the Work of the 54th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The Way Forward."

"I thought it was an honor for the whole American Model United Nations for him to be there," said Jason Kiefer, senior secondary education social science major.

Gurirab addressed some of the challenges facing the U.N. on the dawn of a new millennium.

"The United Nations is not a perfect

TURN TO MODEL U.N., PAGE 8A

León accepts presidency of AASCU

College President Julio León is the new chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). León and the new AASCU board of directors were installed at the association's annual meeting in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on Nov. 11.

A member of AASCU since 1982, León has been active in the association as a member of the board of directors, as chair of the association's committee on professional development, and as vice chair of AASCU's committee on undergraduate education. León has served as president of Missouri Southern for 17 years.

Addressing the membership, León said, "It is a great honor for me and for Missouri Southern State College to lead this great association as we prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century."

The AASCU is comprised of more than 425 public colleges, universities, and systems of public higher education throughout the United States and its territories. These institutions enroll more than three million students, representing more than half of all students enrolled in public four-year institutions. In addition, AASCU members award 37 percent of the nation's bachelor's degrees, 28 percent of its master's degrees, and 8 percent of all doctorates.

Gladys Styles Johnson, chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, was installed as chair elect. New members of the AASCU board of directors elected at the annual meeting in Puerto Rico are



Special to The Chart/Kevin Wilson Photography
Dr. Julio León, new AASCU chair, receives the gavel from outgoing chair John Worthen, president of Ball State University.

Stephen Weber, president of San Diego State University; secretary/treasurer, Charles Hathaway, chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Carol Harter, president of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas; Adam Herbert Jr., chancellor of the State University System

of Florida; Ronald Ingle, president of Coastal Carolina University; Richard Pattenau, president of the University of Southern Maine; Carol Surles, president of Eastern Illinois University; and W. Roger Webb, president of the University of Central Oklahoma. □

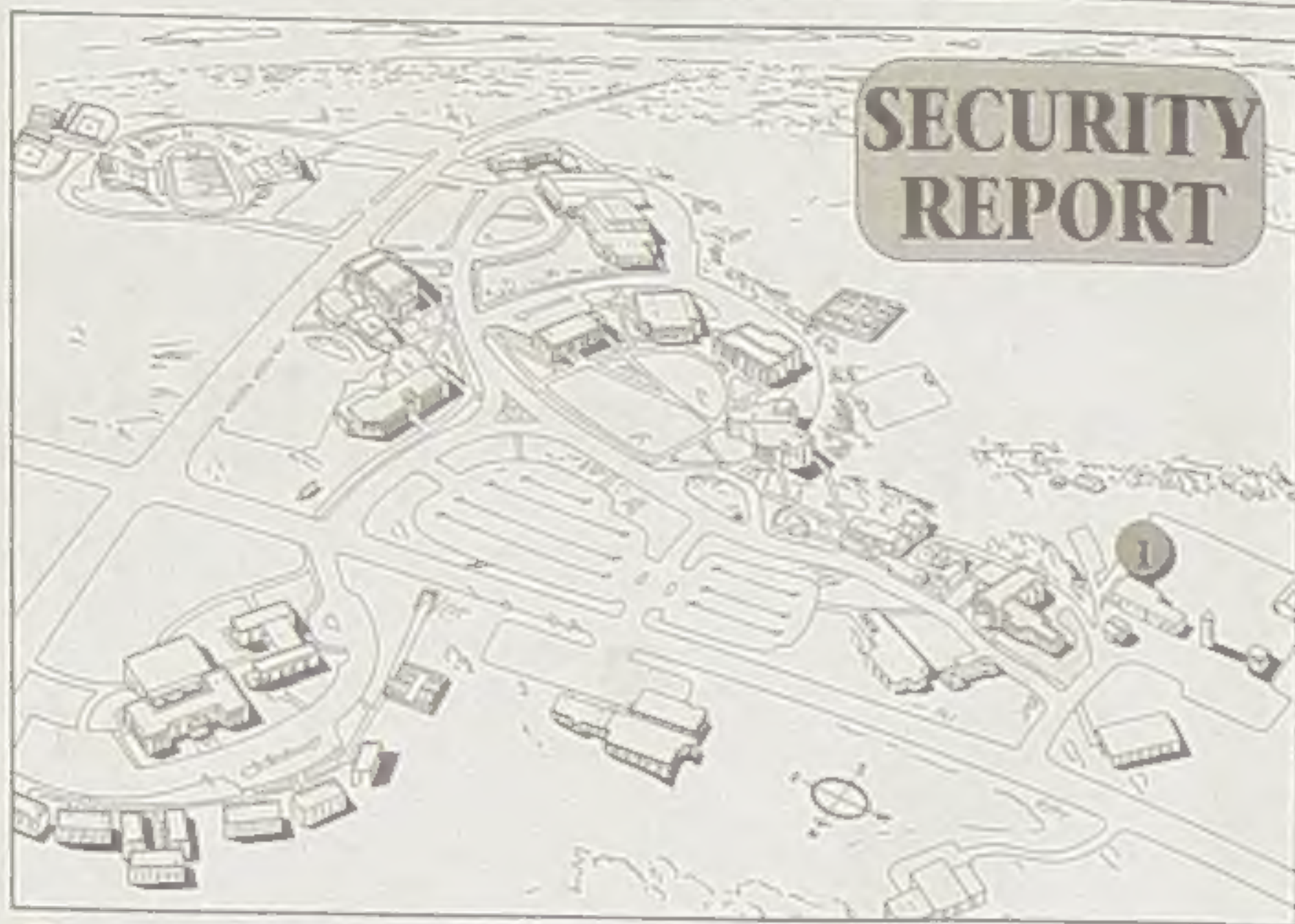
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CHRISTMAS CHEER
With the holiday season upon us, Missouri Southern has several different concerts and recitals planned to be performed on campus...
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SECURITY
REPORT

12/07/99 Physical Plant 6:30 a.m.

Officer Robert Fossard reported the security wagon was vandalized. On Dec. 7, it was reported that the same writings had been found on or near three campus buildings. There are no suspects.

Notice from Campus Security: All students seeking parking permits or college identification cards must show photo identification, such as a drivers license, to obtain permits or cards.

Corrections, Clarifications:

• Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, was presented the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, presented at the 1992 Governor's Conference. His name was not listed on the graphic on Page 1A of the Friday, Nov. 19, issue.

• The photo of Paul Lusk, men's assistant basketball coach, on Page 1A of the Friday, Nov. 19 issue was misidentified as Chris Lowery, men's assistant basketball coach.

• Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English, was not identified as having a

Ph.D. in her "In Perspective" column in the Friday, Nov. 5, issue.

• Mark Newbold, identified in The Awareness Center advertisement on Page 3A of the Friday, Nov. 19, issue, is a member of the Theosophical Society, not the Philosophical Society.

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Geneva draws 12 students

BY CASSIE HOMBS
Staff Writer

Carrie Mosbaugh is actually excited that she's going to graduate a semester late.

The senior sociology major planned on walking next December, but now has to save her cap and gown until the following May.

But it isn't bothering her a bit.

Mosbaugh is one of the 12 students from Missouri Southern who will be spending next semester in Geneva, Switzerland in study at the internationally known Webster University.

The group, which leaves in early January, will be spending four months overseas and plans to return in May.

"This is going to be a blast," said Mosbaugh, who is planning a future career in human resources. "I think this is the best way to get an education and meet people on the other side of the world."

Geneva, a town located near the French border of Switzerland, is one of the world's international headquarters.

The World Trade Organization and United Nations' main centers are located there, in an area that is highly accessible and culturally diverse.

The university, which has been preparing for the students to arrive, has arranged for their housing. They are each staying in their own apartments and will be taught upon arrival how to use the public

"This trip is going to give me an experience to see the rest of the world."

CARRIE MOSBAUGH
Senior Sociology Major

transportation system and city accommodations available to them.

"I think we're going to enjoy the culture and the opportunity to enjoy a different way of life," said Dr. Alex Vernon, associate professor of business. "As future managers, it's important that these students understand what's involved when looking at a global economy and society."

But spending the semester in the heart of the international headquarters comes at a hefty price. When all is said and done, the trip will cost approximately \$10,000 per person.

The Institute of International Studies relieved some of the financial burden by awarding grants to the students.

Mosbaugh, who asked her family to sell her car while she's away, is planning on using some of the profit to help with her expenses.

"I'll probably have to live at home again when I get back," she said. "But it'll be worth it. My parents are a little worried about me, but

they didn't want me to pass it up."

Students were selected by judges based on their grade-point average and a letter of rationale explaining why they wanted to spend the semester in Geneva.

"This is a very impressive group of students," said Vernon, who will also be spending the semester in Geneva with his family. He will be teaching a few math and business classes as an adjunct professor at the university.

"Students will be in charge of themselves," he said. "I'm just a visiting faculty member, but I'll be there if they need anything."

Vernon says he expects the students to make the most out of their semester by taking opportunities to travel and learn about other cultures.

"I hope they take away an appreciation for another culture and gain confidence so that they can go into a different environment and do well," he said. "It's important to have diversity so they don't limit themselves in the future because of fear."

Because this is the first year Missouri Southern has been involved in Webster University's program, this group of students will be the first to experience an opportunity like this.

But already mentally packing her bags, Mosbaugh happily admits she's feeling no pressure.

"It's kind of neat to be the guinea pig," she said. "This trip is going to give me an experience to see the rest of the world." □

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2000 or 2001 ... who knows?

As the millennium approaches, some question if this is it

BY CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

The year 2000 is only 21 days away, and while some people are prepared for the worst, others are convinced it's nothing to be (Y2K) bugged about.

Marta Churchwell, senior sociology major, has studied about Y2K all semester, and has formed her own perspective on the issue.

"I think it's exciting because it's one of the few times in history that man doesn't have control," she said. "That's probably good for us because we have a tendency to get cocky and arrogant."

Though Churchwell isn't stockpiling canned goods, she has prepared for a shortage to some extent.

"I've got provisions for probably two weeks: water, firewood, batteries, food...but I haven't gotten crazy with it," she said.

Garrett Arnold, senior criminal justice major, believes people are worrying for nothing.

"I think it's been blown way out of proportion because it doesn't start until 2001," he said.

"Had the computer not come around, we wouldn't be making such a big deal of it."

Arnold has a prediction that one might find rather disturbing.

"I really believe that at least 5 percent of the U.S. will riot because too much pressure has been built up," he said.

Jere Marcum, non-traditional student with a minor in Spanish, had an experience that suggests not everyone is up to date yet. He bought an item from the grocery store marked "best used before 1900" on the box.

"I looked at that and thought well, they're not Y2K ready," he said.

Aside from that incident, Marcum hasn't

found any major reason to be concerned about the issue.

"If we've made the logical preparations, I really don't think there's going to be any glitch with the computers anyway," he said.

Marcum worries more about the fanatics out there who will try to take advantage of people's fears.

So whether this New Year's Eve merely signals another dropping ball, "Auld Lang Syne" singing affair, or an end to civilization as we know it, one thing is for sure in Churchwell's eyes.

"The fear of the unknown is worse than anything," she said.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, sums it up with an ancient Chinese proverb: "May you live in interesting times." □

Y2K bug infects everyone

BY ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Everyone is infected. The dreaded Y2K bug has already struck, leaving little untouched, little unscarred, little intact.

Computers, buildings, television, radio, everywhere is touched by the disease.

While this has nothing to do with the defect found in many modern computers (except Macintoshes), it does have everything to do with the party of the century. Hello Father Time, let's see the baby!

And as the "end" draws near, Missouri Southern students and faculty alike are making their plans, and preparing for one of the most anticipated dates in just under 1,000 years.

"My friends and I are going to have a party, either at my house or at a friend's house," said Lisa Judah, senior business major.

"Our plan is that we want to have some sort of theme — we don't want to have just some boring party. It's got to be something different than what we usually do."

"Well, for sure I'll be in my hometown in Barranquilla, Colombia," said Annie Falquez, senior psychology major. "So I guess that I'll either spend it with my friends, which I haven't seen for a year, or with my family."

Falquez said that no matter if she is with friends or family, "either way there will be champagne involved."

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, plans on having an enjoyable evening with his wife, and attending a little entertainment at Joplin's Twin Hills Country Club.

"We're not doing anything special, just going out to dinner and dance," Frazier said. "I just want to make my kids stay home," he chuckled.

Dr. Phillip Wise, assistant music professor, plans on staying home, watching the end of the world, and catching a

glimpse of planes dropping from the sky in the comfort of his home.

"I'm going to stay at home and just wait for the apocalypse," joked Wise. "Spend my last few moments at home."

In reality, he said he doesn't think Y2K will be a big deal at all. He said perhaps a number of people will stock up on canned goods and hide out, but overall "it'll just come and go."

But coming and going can be a fear within itself. What if you slept through New Year's Eve?

"My family is going to stay at home, like we always do, and have a nice dinner," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. Sit around, relax, and watch the ball go down.

"And I'll try to stay awake 'til midnight."

And what about doomsday prophets and millennium madness?

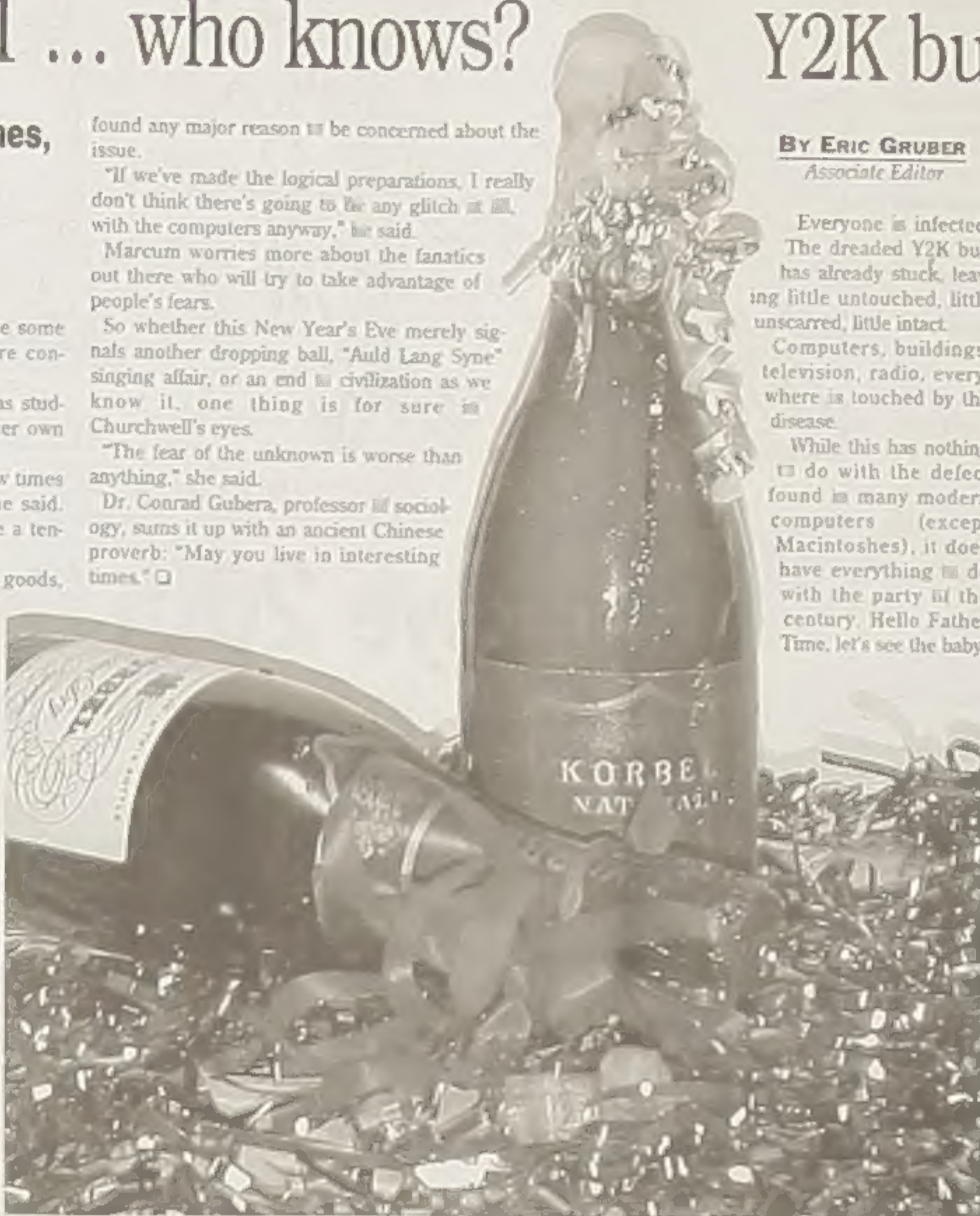
"This is just another opportunity for those who have that mindset," Wise said.

Carnahan agrees.

"It really doesn't mean a whole lot to me," he said. "I think we're all going to be the same the next day."

Judah said her feelings on the turn of the new year differ from those of Wise and Carnahan.

"I think this year it will be different, because everybody is making such a big deal about it," she said. "It's not like any other year." □



'Service as a way of life'

This article was originally presented as a speech for the Boylan Symposium/Annie Baxter Awards Luncheon at Missouri Southern State College on September 30, 1999.

If you listen to television or radio advertising, you have often heard the words of Sister Catherine McAuley which promote the mission of a local hospital. The quote is taken from her prayer as she founded the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland, and I think it is still an appropriate prayer for us today. "Dear Lord, give us the courage to begin important tasks that last longer than our lives."

I believe this prayer provides us with the appropriate framework for a commitment to service. The Annie Baxter Award Process celebrates the dedication of women in our area whose work and accomplishments will live far into the future.

Take with me a quick mental drive through our community. Look at the organizations and services that provide benefits to us and our fellow citizens. How many of these things just happened? None of them. All were organized by people with the vision and determination to address a need. I see this kind of action every day in my job at the Joplin Chamber. We like to say that we at the Chamber do the things that most people think just happen. There are volunteers and public servants throughout our community who can say the same thing. Most get no recognition for their work, and that's what makes the Annie Baxter Award so important.

Review your mental drive through the community. Did you see the Lafayette House, Children's Center, Community Clinic, a new Joplin Family Y, Joplin Workshop, and a beautiful museum complex? These organizations and others like them improve our quality of life here and provide needed services. What they all have in common is that they wouldn't exist without strong volunteerism.

Promoting volunteerism is one of the most important and rewarding aspects of my job at the Chamber. We work on a number of projects

and partner with other groups to make our community a better place in which to live and work. We encourage and promote community service, whether it's with us, in government, or with other community organizations.



IN PERSPECTIVE

TRACEY OSBORNE
VICE PRESIDENT,
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One of my favorite Chamber programs is Tomorrow's Leaders Today. We spend one day each month with seniors from seven high schools to expose them to critical community issues and introduce them to opportunities for public service. We try to impress upon them that they need to look at service and leadership as a matter of course. Service to others should be a way of life for each of us.

Service doesn't always mean big, recognition-oriented activities such as founding a college or museum or new non-profit organization. Sometimes service is done with no fan-fare and no recognition, such as the time my mother and a friend organized a Brownie troop so my friends and I could be Girl Scouts. I'm sure their efforts weren't motivated by a great love of camping, tie-dye or decoupage.

I recently attended the National Alliance of Business conference in Washington, D.C. I had many opportunities to reflect on the meaning and importance of public service, both in the conference sessions where business leaders and educators discussed ways to provide quality education for future work forces, and in the exploration of that city. I had the chance to take a twilight tour of the memorials and monuments and to explore the Capitol, Library of Congress and the Holocaust Museum.

Too often we spend our days zipping from one item on our list of things to do to the next. We don't pause long enough to see the impact of what we're doing. As I looked at the personal items

President Lincoln had in his pocket the night of his assassination, and the shoes owned by the victims of the Holocaust, I had the opportunity to reflect on the privileges and responsibilities I have as a citizen of this country. We have the responsibility to be informed about the issues, to vote based on our convictions, and to give back to our community. I'm reminded of a hymn's phrase "Because I have been given much, I too must give," and my responsibilities are clear.

In Washington I was reminded that service to others takes courage and conviction. Sometimes even involves great risk. As I toured the Holocaust Museum, I looked at the hundreds of people there with me. They had the same questioning "How could this happen?" look on their faces. But in the midst of the tragedies displayed, there was inspiration from the touching stories of those people who risked everything to help others. Their courage and compassion did make a difference.

Every day we have an opportunity to make a difference. Most of the time we risk nothing other than the time and energy needed to make our vision happen. We must lead by example. We are inspired by the example set for us by our nominees for this prestigious award.

I am inspired by one of my co-workers who quietly lives a life of service. One day I sat at her desk and wrote her a note and saw her screen saver message which exemplifies the way she lives her life. Her screen says, "If someone needs help today, let me be the one."

Ask yourself how you can make a difference. I encourage you to look at each day as an opportunity for service. Encourage the young women and young men in your life to look for their opportunities to serve others.

I close with a final thought from Sister Catherine McAuley, which I have framed in my office. "Ours is not to do the extraordinary, only to do the ordinary extraordinary well."

I encourage you to make your contribution in an extraordinary way. □

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Pity, desperation paves way to degree

As a point of reference for all you readers, you should know that anyone who is a graduating senior and on *The Chart* is allowed a final editorial column.

It's the same crap like every other goodbye speech.

"I want to thank my teachers, and my parents, and my girlfriends, and all those little people... I'll miss you all."

That's sweet and all, but it's not going to happen in this column.

In the first place, if you haven't learned

by now, college is not designed to establish lasting relationships with other people. Actually, it could be said that in college, it's learned that people can be a real disappointment, and also how easy it is to let others down.

If the registrar's office put on my transcript "Eric has completed courses in dealing with others on a highly interpersonal level, and has finished with relatively normal scarring," it would be sufficient, to say the least.

It's not like I took a three-hour course and a lab, but the daily classes were pretty difficult. But if you think you're exiting college thinking the people you met will be with you forever, you might reconsider when they only send you e-mails, and even then the letters are forwarded junk mail.

Another notion to be dispelled about college is that instructors genuinely care about the development of the students. How insipidly nice that would be if it were true.

Don't give up, there are some instructors who do care about each student, and who do care about what they've learned through the course of their classes. But generally, it's like a glorified high school in the higher education circus.

There have been plenty of classes where there was always some idiot who drew attention to his or herself and didn't give a rat's furry butt about the subject matter or the decent respect of the instructor. And what happened at the end of the semester? Well, they passed, of course. The instructor sure didn't want them to take the class again, so pass 'em and get 'em out of there.

And maybe a couple of times, I should have gotten the privilege of passing the course taken away. Maybe I've been one of those people. But did it do me any real good to pass without fully understanding the subject matter? Will it benefit the idiot in class who pesters everyone in a four-foot radius and sings, "I did it all for the nookie," the entire class period? Who knows. Maybe it doesn't mean squat. But it is the students' choice to jack around in class, and it is the instructors' choice to eventually

pass 'em. Future of our nation. Don't fret, this isn't all about cynicism.

Perhaps it would be better if the diploma said Certificate of Dedication. After all, that's what it really is. Because a person has that piece of paper doesn't signify that the graduate has adequate knowledge of anything. It doesn't mean that the recipient is an expert in any specific degree. But what it does prove is that the individual was dedicated enough to persevere and complete the course work.

For me, it wasn't always easy. Often the trite phrase, "light at the end of the tunnel," didn't mean much. The light wasn't even on, and I wasn't even close enough to find the switch. Changing majors once didn't help matters either, but it was definitely the right thing to do.

Sometimes I wanted to quit. Sometimes I wanted to cry. Nevertheless, I pressed on. It didn't really even impact me that this would be my final semester until about half way through. Especially when my mom said it was absolutely necessary for me to graduate this semester because she got a great deal on decorations reading "Congratulations Graduate '99."

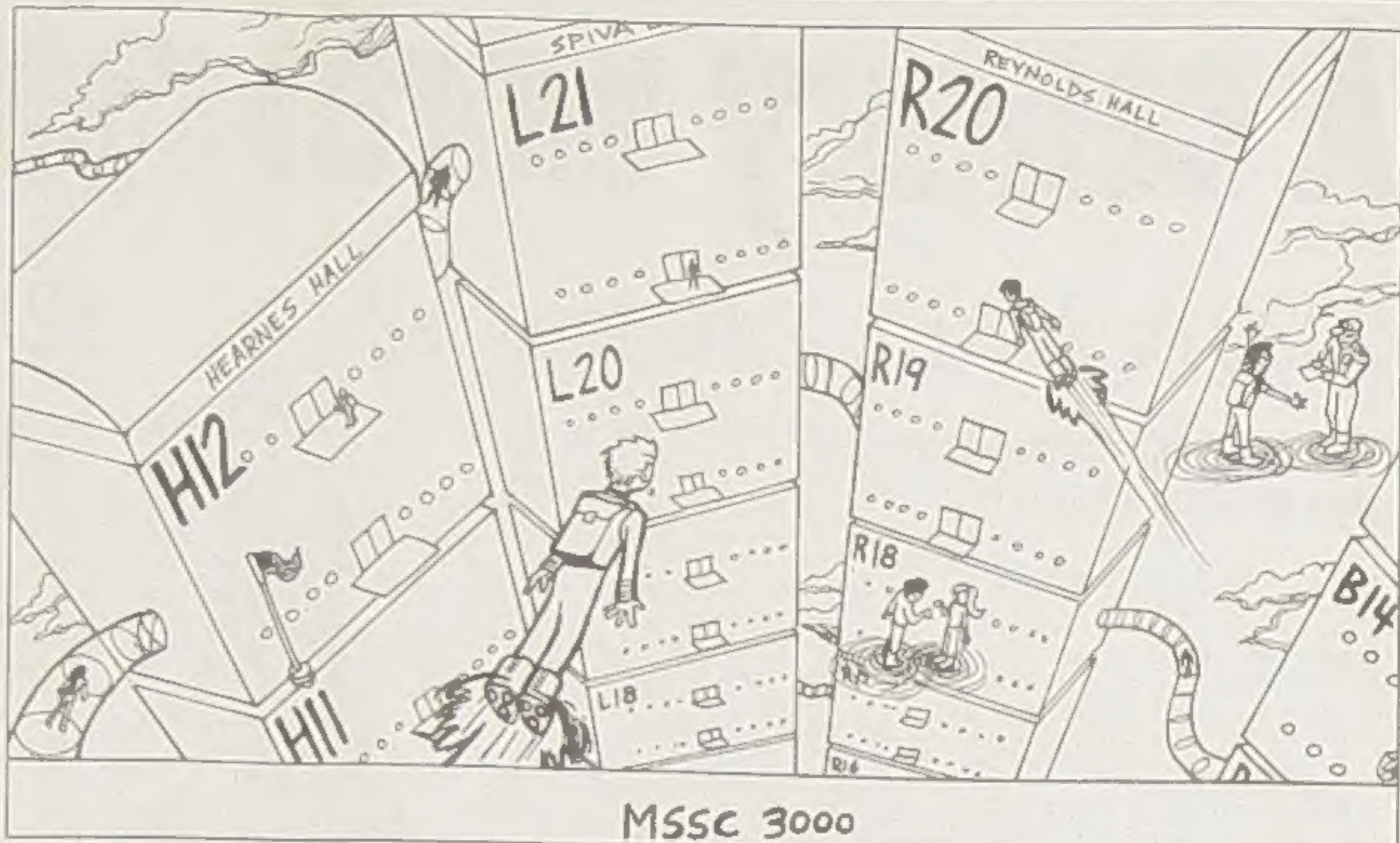
So what precious nugget of learning am I taking with me? The knowledge that dedication still means something. The knowledge that everyone is going to let you down, and you're going to do the same to them; but you can't give up — you must persevere. The knowledge that I have knowledge. That's what I'm taking with me.

And with that, Missouri Southern, I say goodbye. □



EDITOR'S COLUMN

ERIC GRUBER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



Goodbye 20th Century!

Around the world, people are anxiously awaiting the coming of the new millennium.

Doomsday prophets claim the dreaded Y2K bug will signal mass chaos. The opposite end of the spectrum holds minds fueled with complacency, confident there is nothing to worry about.

Some are content with the idea of the year 2000 as being the turn of the century. Others find satisfaction in waiting until 2001 to celebrate. No matter what the belief, there is one unmistakable truth.

This year is when the party is happening.

No matter what the belief is about, the actual date is an end to an era. With 2000 previously being a mythical date in which we were led to believe there would be floating cars, metallic cities, and robots cleaning up after our every action, the staff of *The Chart* believes that society has let everyone down.

Where is this greater society that everyone has heard about from novels, movies, and television as being a life of ease and technology? Where are the cures of illnesses and the containment of society's ills?

The truth is, it is the end of an era; and it's the beginning of a new one. The world has learned much in the latter part of the

20th century. Through the expansion of technology to a comfortable level, the world has become more of a village rather than a vast mass of people.

Today the click of the mouse has the power to transport a person across continents. No longer is worldwide travel accessible only by airplanes and ships. Today, people can visit exotic locales from the comfort of their Barcaloungers with the handy WebTV®.

So with this issue, *The Chart* bids farewell to the 1900s, the 1990s, and this millennium. Even though society has not progressed to the level that was predicted by Warner Brothers or by MGM 100 years ago, we've still made some incredible advancements.

And with these advancements, we have been able to inspire fear.

This fear is not really the dreaded Y2K, but a fear of losing the technology that we, as a society, have become so dependent upon. Our great-grandparents would think we are a bunch of weak children.

Maybe they're right. And maybe the dreaded Y2K bug will keep us from printing ever again.

Find out next millennium.

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Kindness is among Christmas' sweetest miracles

The crisp Christmas feel in the air brings back memories of a day three years ago. My daughter had returned from a trip to town with her dad.

"Mom, come quick; you've got to see them. They smell awful!"

I knew that tone too well — she had brought home another stray. Now, I had seen stray dogs in poor condition, but nothing prepared me for that afternoon a few days before Christmas.

As I leaned over the side of the pickup bed, four sets of glazed eyes peered from the huddled mass. Even in the cold air, the stench of rotting flesh was sickening.

The four puppies, emaciated, hairless, and left in a ditch to die, were

leery of the human contact, but too weak to run. The most trusting of the bunch pulled himself around with his front feet. His hind end was crumpled and paralyzed.

A vet check revealed good and bad news. With medication, food, water, and warmth, three of the pups had a chance. The trusting pup was too sick to survive and had to be put down. "Angel" returned to a kinder place than he had been.

As the weeks rolled by, the pups thrived and socialized with their human caretakers. Fluffy fur eventually covered their expanding forms, and the 100-watt light bulb which served as their heat source for so long was extinguished.

The time finally came to find homes. An ad yielded more takers than we had puppies. That sunny February afternoon signaled a better life for the Christmas miracles.

I can only imagine the monster who dumped these animals in die in the December cold. An even more disturbing thought was how this individual would treat family and friends.

The American Humane Association, a national organization which seeks to identify and prevent child and animal abuse and neglect, says studies indicate a link between the two. The association purports "violence towards animals springs from the same causes as violence towards humans."

Last year, the Joplin Humane Society housed some 6,000 pets — 16 percent were returned to their owners, 30 percent were adopted, and 54 percent were euthanized. Dee Leinmiller, assistant manager for the local society, said this number increases each year.

In 1997, investigations by child protective agencies in 49 states revealed some one million out of three million reported children were victims of "substantiated" abuse or neglect. These figures, compiled by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are the agency's official statistics. Other studies indicate the numbers are much higher.

With the hectic holiday season upon us, complacency becomes common as we focus on our own self interests. If you are a pet owner, remember to care for the animal entrusted in your care. If you are a parent, take time out for your child and have patience.

Everyone should realize an abused pet may indicate an abused child. When you suspect child or pet abuse, take responsibility. Take the initiative to report your concerns to the authorities — either your child welfare agency or local humane society. It may be the best Christmas present you can give. □



EDITOR'S COLUMN

RHONDA CLARK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Knapp in 'tizzy' over student activity fees court debate

I'm really in a tizzy over this upcoming Supreme Court case of the *University of Wisconsin vs. Southworth*. You know, the case about the guy who is griping about his freedom of speech being impaired by the university spending his student activity fee money on organizations he doesn't like?

Well, now that I think about it, I kind of like this idea; lots of my money is being spent on things I don't like.

Take, for example, my pay stub. Every time I look at the stub it just ticks me off when I see how much money I am paying to Medicare. I am paying more money on someone else's medical insurance than I'm paying for my own family. What's up with this? Why should I buy medical insurance for people who are too lazy, too short-sighted, or even too poor to get their

own like I do? I don't agree with people who don't have their own medical insurance, and I shouldn't have to support their irresponsible behavior.

Now let's look at the pay stub again; this one really torques me off: Social Security. This is some huge, elaborate welfare system for a bunch of old people who weren't wise enough to save for their retirement. And, the part that really gets me is they think they deserve it. I owe it to them! Well, the heck with that! I think they are a bunch of selfish old farts who come out in droves to defeat modernizing our schools and building a water park for my children. I find old people objectionable, especially in this town; I don't like their politics, and I certainly don't like paying for them!

Then there is this assistant *Chart* editor, Chris Roberts, who is whining

about how the Student Activity fee at Southern sucks the marrow out of his struggling life.

I don't like reading about his problems or his opinions — *The Chart* is infringing upon my rights and the rights of all the students and staff at Missouri Southern to read what they agree with in their newspaper. I wish the College would stop wasting money on *The Chart* and put that saved money into my salary.

You see, we all have a bunch of crazy opinions, and if we start running this country by letting everyone have their own way, we are in big trouble. That's why we have democratically elected officials to make rational, educated decisions for us that benefit our society in total, not specific individuals. If the Supreme Court rules against the University of Wisconsin, it would sim-

ply be out of its mind, because the next logical step would be an assault on taxes. Could you imagine what would happen if we had a huge check-off sheet on our tax form to designate what we were going to pay for?

Majority rules in this country through elected officials, and when the majority has spoken, we need to go along with it.

I don't like paying my FICA taxes, but I don't gripe too much about it, because that is what the majority of the people in this country want for our society.

So grin and bear it Mr. Southworth and Mr. Roberts; it's part of the cost of being a team player and a responsible citizen.

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Biologist procrastinates before taking role as teacher

BY LACEY MESSICK
Chart Reporter



KELLY DENGEL/The Chart
Dr. Noble Jobe found his true role in teaching.

Dr. Noble Jobe dropped out of high school twice before receiving his diploma.

"I dropped out once as a junior and once as a senior," said Jobe, assistant professor of biology.

"But those absences only lasted about one week apiece, then I went back because my dad put his foot down."

Jobe grew up in Oklahoma City and had no intentions of going to college, much less getting his doctorate.

"I waited four years after I was out of high school before I went to college," he said. "I worked doing construction and maintenance to save money so that I could go to a professional diving school in Los Angeles."

His ultimate goal was to become an underwater welder.

"I went out to visit the school before I

enrolled and found out that its job placement rate was only 10 percent," Jobe said. "Reality set in that only one of every four graduates got jobs, so I decided to try college."

After attending junior college and then receiving his bachelor of science degree from East Central University in Oklahoma, Jobe went on to earn his master of science and doctorate in zoology from Oklahoma State University.

He wrote a book as part of his master's work titled *Diagnostic and Feasibility Study on Tenkiller Lake, Oklahoma*.

"Basically, I got to show the people of eastern Oklahoma how clean their lake water was," he said.

Jobe taught at a small college in eastern Tennessee for three years before coming to Missouri Southern. Several factors led him to the College.

"Southern is the right size for stability," he said. "I really liked the other staff members,

the modern facility, and the emphasis that is put on teaching the kids."

Another major factor was the international mission programs offered at Southern.

"Traveling internationally is a key to the future as far as education is concerned," he said.

"To me, the international mission was like icing on the cake."

Jobe has been married for 10 years to his wife, Diane. They have two daughters, ages 11 and 13.

"My wife is a grant writer for the Iowa Indian tribe in central Oklahoma," he said. "I live in Webb City, and Diane and the girls live in Stillwater. I try to make it home every other weekend."

Outside the classroom, Jobe enjoys spending time outdoors.

"I love to fly fish, hike, camp, just about anything that pertains to being outside," he said. "I also love Bass Pro."

Jobe has been in the Smokey Mountains for fly-fishing.

"Me and a couple of my buddies try to go whenever we can," he said.

In his future plans, Jobe wants to travel to New Zealand to go fly fishing. Jobe said his greatest accomplishment was getting his doctorate.

"I was married with two kids all through grad school," he said.

Jobe said he was a born teacher, but if getting an education weren't so expensive, he probably would still be in school.

"I would live to just be able to study for the rest of my life," he said. "I think education will be the only salvation of the human race."

He offers some sound advice for college students.

"Stay in school, maximize your potential," he said. "If you do your very best, no one can expect more, especially you, and you will succeed." □



ERIN SELLERS/The Chart
Wendy McGrane, Southern librarian, helps Russian student Alex Gruhn on the computer in the Spiva Library.

Reference librarian answers questions

BY JAMES KINNEY
Chart Reporter

Ten years ago, if someone were to ask Wendy McGrane what she wanted to be when she grew up, she might have said a prosecuting attorney. But many things can change in 10 years.

McGrane, reference librarian, attended Missouri Southern for two years. When she transferred to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., she earned her bachelor's degree in political science. She applied for law school. But instead of going to law school, she took a year off to work in a library. In that year, she decided to change her career choice. McGrane went back to school to earn her master's in library studies from Oklahoma University. Ten years later, she came to Southern.

"I had an overall positive impression about the campus, faculty, and the students," she said. "I enjoy working with people and helping people find the answer to their question."

McGrane also traveled around the world. She was born in Germany,

where her father was stationed in the U.S. military. She also lived in Saudi Arabia for a few years.

"I enjoy meeting people from different countries," McGrane said. "I think it was a positive experience."

When not in the library helping students, she is making greeting cards, cross stitching, and spending time with her family. She is married and has two daughters, Jordan and Chandler.

McGrane also enjoys listening to oldies music. Her favorite artist is Otis Redding. She likes him so much that she named her dog Otis.

Her role models are her parents. Her father sparked her interest in political science. Her mother raised a family, went to school, and worked.

"She showed me that I did not have to settle for less," McGrane said.

Ten years from now, McGrane sees herself growing in her profession and earning another degree.

She gives some advice to college students.

"Enjoy yourself while in school," McGrane said. "School is important. Take advantage of educational opportunities and enjoy yourself while doing it." □

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WENDY MCGRANE
Southern Reference Librarian

Let's get physical

Instructor provides student workouts during class time

BY JODIE BONE
Chart Reporter

Students are shaping up with a new instructor this year.

Margo Byrne, a guest lecturer in the department of kinesiology, will be getting Missouri Southern students into shape this fall and spring. She instructs aquacise, dance, Tae-bo, and other classes. Byrne believes that teaching kinesiology as a science is important because "it requires use of both the mind and the body."

"Our field develops well-rounded students," she said. "If we can produce quality students, then we benefit the community."

Instructing three classes a day and being involved in K-Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Executive Council, and Faculty Senate keeps Byrne busy. Still, she finds time to bike and swim.

"I am a water freak," she said.

She also enjoys drying her own herbs and flowers.

Byrne believes that being involved in a variety of activities has contributed to her success as a child she not only played sports, but was in ballet, tap, beauty pageants, and baton-twirling. Byrne credits her mother for giving her a sense of diversity.

"She wanted us to be good at a lot of different things," she said. "It was important to her that we were well-rounded."

Life has also taught her the value of higher learning.

"It's important to set goals and realize that a college education is a huge benefit, no matter what field you go into," Byrne said.

She discovered the rewards of teaching while serving as the executive director of a community center that was associated with a facility for adjudicated boys. Some of her most accomplished moments came while working with the troubled youths.



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart
Margo Byrne, a guest lecturer in the department of kinesiology, takes time out from one of her many course duties. She believes kinesiology uses the mind and the body.

"You knew when those kids got it," Byrne said. "You had done your job."

Teaching kinesiology can also be an eye-popping experience. Byrne taught a class in which a girl had a fake eye.

"I didn't know that the eye was fake," she said.

While playing a game, the girl was hit in the side of the face with a ball, causing her eye to go bouncing around the gym floor.

"I was freaking out," Byrne said. "The kids were laughing and I was screaming."

The girl, who was uninjured, washed the eye off and put it back in.

"I was very relieved to know that the eye was fake," she said.

This instance is only one of many that helped Byrne shape her life philosophy. She believes it is important to take the positive events in life and to leave the neg-

ative ones. The sense of self-worth her mother gave her is apparent in everything Byrne does.

She believes this attitude is something she can pass on to her students.

"We have the ability to do what we want to do and not just whatever the class that society places us in wants us to do," she said.

She is glad that she chose to be a guest lecturer at Southern. Byrne has found her colleagues helpful and friendly.

"I fit in," she said. "The people here are incredible."

"It is a positive working environment."

Byrne said if the opportunity arises, she will seek a permanent position at the College.

Regardless of where she instructs in the future, Byrne plans to go back to school and earn her Ph.D. Originally from northern

Missouri, Byrne is glad to be back in the state. In recent years she has lived on both the east and west coasts.

Byrne also spent a year living in Italy, and found it to be the most incredible place that she has ever visited.

While in Europe she also visited France, Germany, and Switzerland.

"It's nice to be back in Missouri," Byrne said. "I get to visit with my friends and family."

She believes her travels have made her an even more well-rounded person.

Byrne was able to learn some French and Italian while in Europe.

No matter where she goes in the future, Byrne will continue to learn and grow.

"I think that everyone needs to continue to grow until the day they die," she said. □

'Suzie Rah-Rah' takes on admissions, spirit team

BY GENNA MCDANIEL
Chart Reporter

Most people who are scared of heights don't agree to fly through the air on a single cord. But Kamber Smith did.

"I'm all about that," said Smith, admissions recruiter and Southern spirit coordinator, referring to her experience this summer riding the Ripcord at Worlds of Fun.

She traveled to the theme park for a fund-raiser with the spirit squads, and somehow ended up on the Ripcord with two of the girls.

"I made her go on it," said Angela "Max" Maxville, sophomore biology major and cheerleader. "She was terrified, but she ended up loving it."

Smith is kept constantly busy with her job in the admissions office and as a coach. She is affectionately known throughout the bottom floor of Hearnes

Hall as "Suzie Rah-Rah," because she is always doing something with the squads.

Cheerleading and dancing has always been a part of Smith's life. She taught camps for the National Cheerleaders Association and the Universal Cheerleaders Association during high school, and went on to cheer in college.

"I went to Oklahoma State University for a semester on a cheerleading scholarship, and then I transferred to the University of Arkansas to dance," Smith said.

It was there at the U of A where she met Mark Smith, currently a football and strength coach at Southern.

"He was the typical football hunk," she said. But apparently the football player/cheerleader relationship sometimes works out.

They are now married and have a 1-year-old son named Tatum.

Smith came to the College because of her husband's job with the football team.

"I want students to just roll out and have fun — support our school and learn to love it"

KAMBER SMITH

Admissions Recruiter/Spirit Coordinator

She was originally hired just to coach, but in June was added onto the staff in the admissions office.

"I love my job because I get to travel to schools and talk to lots of people," Smith said. "I love to talk."

She's always been a person who wants

to talk, even when she was little.

"I've always wanted to be a TV news reporter," she said with a smile. "I would love to be Katie Couric."

Smith said she hopes someday she can achieve her goal and get into broadcasting.

"I'd like to at least try," she said.

But until Smith reaches that goal, she's working on something else at Southern. She hopes the College will gain spirit and a sense of teamwork.

"I want to teach everyone what it's like to be a team," she said. "I think people are longing for that, but they've never been taught how to do it."

Smith said that's why she's been working so hard with the spirit squads. She hopes they can spread spirit throughout the student body.

"I want the students to just roll out and have fun — support our school and learn to love it." □



KELLY DENGEL/The Chart
Kamber Smith, admissions recruiter and Southern spirit coordinator, has Lion pride.

Diversions

Merry Melodies

Concerts spruce season

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor



Director Bill Elliott, professor of music, leads his orchestra through its annual Christmas concert. This was just the beginning of the numerous concerts lined up during the holiday season. See the Area Events Calendar for more dates and events.

'Tis the season for carolers, and Missouri Southern's campus is no exception. The annual holiday music festivities are in full swing. Southern's music department has already completed several concerts, with still more to come.

Monday night, the Southern orchestra performed for holiday concertgoers in Webster Hall auditorium. Although there were a few recognizable Christmas tunes, the orchestra tried to maintain a classical approach to the evening.

Thursday brought about another musical gala. A barrage of musical ensembles gathered in Taylor Auditorium for the Instrumental and Vocal Christmas Concert, Southern Exposure, Concert Chorale, the jazz band and the concert band all took turns performing festive tunes.

"We did classical Carols with a twist to them, with a funny twist," said Mendy McMunn, sophomore music education major and member of the Concert Chorale, of the arrangements.

The traditional song of "Jingle Bells" takes on a whole new meaning when this choir gets a hold of it.

"We started off the concert with more upbeat songs," McMunn said. "But we tried to end it slower. At the end, all the choir members had candles."

Many of the ensemble members look forward to the Christmas concert because they feel it is more light-hearted and laid back. However, they still put in the hours of preparation to bring to the audience the best performance.

"I'd say the music isn't as difficult as the fall concert, but we've had a lot less time to learn it," McMunn said.

Each of the groups did a mini-concert, performing three or four pieces and then exiting and making way for the next group.

"We do fewer songs since there are so many groups," said Kelley Fisher, sophomore music education major and member of the Concert Chorale and Southern Exposure.

As if this week's concert weren't enough to satisfy one's Christmas music longings, another Southern tradition will take place next week. The annual community performance of Handel's *Messiah* will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium. The musical showcases not only Southern Choir members, but also anyone in the community who wished to perform and several featured soloists.

"It involves the Concert Chorale and we open it up to anyone in the community," said Bud Clark, director of the Concert Chorale. "There's about 250 in the choir."

This is the seventh year Southern has presented *Messiah*. Some of the choir members look at the performance as a Christmas present of sorts to the community.

"We do it as a service," Fisher said. "I know it's important to get the community involved. It's a musical piece that most people are familiar with and it's a beautiful piece."

Clark thinks it's also a good way to bring the community to the College.

"It's always been a gift to the community, not only to here wonderful music, but also to get more community players on our stage," he said. "We get to combine forces to create a spectacular performance."

Clark feels that part of the challenge with a performance of this type is trying to conduct people with varied musical experience.

"My kids know what to expect from me," he said. "(The community performers) don't know quite the routine."

Lynx Tarvin, sophomore music education major, views working with the various performers as a learning experience.

"It's good to have the other people's experience," he said. "Especially for the new people who are learning."

It is tradition for the Choir to bring in guest soloists for the performance. This year three of the four soloists are from the Kansas City area.

Brian Steele will be singing bass, Elaine Fox in the alto soloist, and Brian Ernstes is this year's guest tenor. The soprano soloist is former Southern student Angela Stansbury. □

Work Study benefits children

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

Thanks to the federal Work-Study Program, education students at Missouri Southern are putting their knowledge to good use through active teaching participation.

This comes in the form of the America Reads and America Counts program.

Budgeting approvals from the federal government enable a number of education students who are part of the Work-Study Program to start working hand-in-hand with elementary teachers, helping children learn reading and arithmetic. The reading program works with students in grades kindergarten through sixth. The math program works with students all the way through the ninth grade.

The programs actually began in the spring of 1998 as a way to increase student learning through one-on-one teaching. Since the program is federally funded, Work-Study seemed the optimum outlet.

"Only Work-Study-eligible students can be involved with this," said Linda Sadler, Director of student employment in the financial aid department. "Approximately 2 percent of the Work-Study budget goes directly to this program."

"It's the first time Work-Study students have worked off campus," said Dr.

Susan Neufeld, assistant professor of teacher education and director of the America Reads program.

Neufeld has had a number of students interested, five of which are already lined up for positions.

Any school in the surrounding area that is considered an at-risk school, or any school with an average of low test scores among its students qualifies for help from the programs. Southern students involved with the Work-Study Program are under the direction of the elementary teachers at the school, much like a student teacher. These assistants come in either during after-school hours, or at various times throughout the day set by the elementary teacher.

"Work-Study limits the amount of hours to 20 per week," Sadler said. "That is actually a lot of hours for a work-study program."

The student aides either team up with a particular student or work as a group leader, depending on the discretion of the teacher involved.

"Experience is the key," Neufeld said. "It gives college students different ways to help in the classroom, and it shows them what to expect when they get teaching positions of their own."

The school involved with the reading program is McKinley Elementary. It has a year-long contract that can be renewed next year. □

Debate team scores big points at latest tournament

By MELODY LANING
Staff Writer

Recent success has put the Missouri Southern forensics squad on the map when dealing with top teams throughout the nation.

"We have competed in five tournaments so far," said Kelly D. Larson, assistant professor and director of forensics. "We have also placed at every tournament so far. This is the first year that we have done Lincoln Douglass debate," he said.

In his first year as director, Larson has instilled more research and practice techniques into this year's squad, which has helped shape the winning team.

"I think you get a lot out of giving research assignments and then critiquing them,"

Larson said. "You can come up with a lot of different ideas that can help you become better prepared."

This year, the forensics squad has eight members and is a mixture of all ages. The team has placed at every tournament. One of its success stories included a tournament at Longview Community College in Kansas City. Southern captured the Small College Division sweepstakes trophy.

Southern's parliamentary team won its next tournament at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Their next tournament was held at the University of Texas-Tyler in Tyler, Texas, on Nov. 19-21.

"The parliamentary debate team of Joe Day (junior speech communications major) and Shelli Meador (junior speech communications major) advanced to the semi-final round

in the open division, where they lost the round on a 3-0 decision," Larson said.

The last tournament they attended was the Holiday Frolic at Ohio State University, Dec. 30. This was one of the biggest tournaments in the country.

"In Lincoln Douglas debate, Day advanced to the semifinal round in the open division where he lost a 2-1 decision," Larson said. "The open division had 11 debaters representing 11 schools from eight states. At the tournament, Meador advanced to quarterfinals and Steve Doubleddee, senior speech communications major, went all the way to the final round before losing to last year's national champion from Western Kentucky."

The speech and debate squad's next tournament will be at the University of Nebraska Cornhusker's Millennium tour on Jan. 7-8. □

Re-release provides money for food bank

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The saber-swinging, laser-blasting adventures of the ever-famous *Star Wars* is back in theaters, and like its debut this summer, no other films dared feature next to the intimidating likes of this interstellar classic.

Aside from the additional astronomical figures that producers are hoping to make this second time around, the re-release serves a cause much more noble. For the first full week, all proceeds are being used as a tax

write-off to be given directly to local charities. The Hollywood Northstar 14, where the film will be playing, is giving all of its proceeds to the local food bank. By Tuesday they had already made more than \$300,000.

Too bad the movie didn't quite live up to its hype.

The disappointing part was that the film was high in special effects and very poor in story quality. As the hype grew, it was easy to tell that Lucas was going to sacrifice his masterful writing talent for the sake of new special effects technology in hopes of

attracting viewers new to the *Star Wars* experience.

For those first-time viewers, *The Phantom Menace* was probably more than satisfying, but for those avid fans of the *Star Wars* originals, the new prequel was a bit of a dud.

Still, the film wasn't horrible. It's understandable how the plot of this installment might be a little lacking since it is the beginning of a nine-part story.

The background information for the entire episodes can be somewhat slow and difficult to transcribe into movie form.



Because of this, I can honestly say that Lucas did a good job catering to the masses.

Yes, he did disappoint a many devotees, but he also hooked a number of new fans, and set the stage for an even bigger payday come next movie. □



Two-year-old Brinlee McPherson sleeps in her father's arms during the Joplin Christmas Parade last Tuesday. The parade is just one of the ways that the four-state area is getting into the holiday spirit.

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Students decorate dorms

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

"Deck the Halls" is a phrase that several members of McCormick Hall have taken to heart. The halls are lined with tinsel, lights, and various other holiday trimmings to get the residents in the Christmas spirit.

"We're all homesick and we want Christmas to come here, too," said Tara Coleman, freshman undecided major.

Christy Bennett, freshman secondary education major, has been dubbed the decorating ringleader by many of the second-floor girls.

"I love Christmas," she said. "It's like the season of giving. It gets everybody in the Christmas spirit. I started it because I thought it would be a lot of fun and that it would be a good way for all the girls to get involved."

Bennett's roommate, Amanda Griggs, freshman undecided major, has fun joining in her roommate's decorating.

"When people come in it gets them in the mood for Christmas," Griggs said.

Aside from decorations, the girls in McCormick are taking other measures to ensure that their wing is filled with holiday joy.

Veronica Stephenson, sophomore dental hygiene major and a student assistant, has decided to have her wing do a "Secret Santa" gift exchange.

"It kind of brings people together," Stephenson said. "Christmas is about giving. This activity takes our focus off ourselves and puts it on others."

The girls drew names and are going out and buying an inexpensive gift for the person they drew.

"You hear people whispering about what they're getting who," Coleman said. "It's so neat to come to your door and see a gift or a little note."

Although the Christmas Spirit is oozing out of the cracks at McCormick, there are still those girls at McCormick who are celebrating the season with pranks. Last week some of the girls set up a Christmas tree in the lounge with markers hanging off it and a poem telling people that if they needed a marker to take one.



AMANDA GRIGGS, freshman undecided major, decorates her dorm's Christmas tree. Many Missouri Southern students have gotten into the spirit by decorating the campus.

"We all thought they were gifts until later on that day when we realized that our markers were missing from our white boards," said Melody Edwards, freshman nursing major. "We were mad and every-

one was leaving signs on everybody's boards demanding their markers back." So whether with decorations or pranks, the girls at McCormick Hall are celebrating the holiday season. □

Final CAB meeting wraps up semester activities

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The Campus Activities Board had its last meeting on Monday. Amidst the goodbyes and congratulations on the success of the semester, CAB proposed a number of activities for the upcoming semester.

Of the most importance is the need to fill some executive positions.

The positions of secretary, historian, public relations, and cultural events personnel will be voted on at the first meeting of next semester.

If interested contact Val Carlisle in the CAB office.

Discussion about the monthly music for January and February was also a key topic at the meeting.

A vote was held and the consensus was that January would be the month of Pop and February would be the month of Rap.

Though no bands have been booked as yet, a number were thrown around for consideration.

On the lecture circuit, former African American boxer Hurricane Carter is a possibility for sometime in late February. Carter is currently the focus of a

movie that will star Denzel Washington and is set to release sometime in the next few months.

In addition to the music and lectures, the travel group proposed trips to both Tulsa and St. Louis as outlets during next semester's classes.

The Tulsa trip would include a hockey game, followed by ice skating, and would be scheduled sometime in February.

The St. Louis trip would have to be scheduled later in the semester because it is geared toward going to Six Flags.

There are a couple of events happening on campus this year.

After all, there are two weeks left.

Perhaps the most appealing of the activities is the Christmas formal to be held tonight.

The dance starts at 8 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom, and attendees are advised to dress to impress. Scheduled events include music, food, prizes, and a visit from Santa himself.

Tomorrow the faculty try to one-up the students with a ball of their own.

Decorating for each of the dances continues this afternoon, and persons wanting to earn a little extra cash can swing by the

ballroom to help decorate.

Speaking of extra cash, commencement takes place Saturday, Dec. 18, and there is a need for 20 to 25 ushers.

From 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., persons can earn up to \$25 simply by handing out programs and helping to seat people.

For more information, persons may stop by the CAB office in the basement of Billingsly Student Center.

More activities for next semester's events will be discussed at the next meeting at noon on Jan. 17 on the third floor of the BSC. All are invited to attend and lunch is free. □

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ The Chart Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy

Today
10

The Green Mile, Duece Bigalow and The Cradle Will Rock open in box offices



6 p.m.-

Lady Lion's basketball tournament at Rockhurst.

7 p.m.-

Men's basketball vs. Rockhurst.

8 p.m.-

CAB Christmas Formal, Connor Ballroom. There will be music, food, prizes, and a visit from Santa. Dress to impress.

Saturday
11

2 p.m.-

Lady Lion's basketball tournament at Rockhurst.

4 p.m.-

Suzuki Student Recital, Webster auditorium

8 p.m.-

Faculty Christmas Ball, Connor Ballroom.

Sunday
12

12 p.m.-

Pre-Millennium party, Student Life Center. Showing of *Strange Days* and 20th Century trivia contest.

1 p.m.-

Joplin Piano Teachers - Student Recital, Webster auditorium.

Monday
13

First day of Finals.

NO CAB MEETING! Next meeting is at noon on January 17, 2000.



Tuesday
14

4 p.m.-

Commencement rehearsal, Taylor auditorium.

7:30 p.m.-

Handel's *Messiah*, Taylor auditorium.

Thursday
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7:30 p.m.-

Choral Society Concert, Phinney auditorium

Friday
17

7 p.m.-

Suzuki Violin Concert, Webster auditorium.

Saturday
18

8:30 a.m.-

Graduation commencement, Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.



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Kristi Gold, junior graphic arts major, and Kyle Stearns, senior graphic arts major, observe Lanita Heffner's artwork on Monday. Today is the last day her art will be displayed in Spiva Art Gallery. The gallery is open until 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekdays.

Life-long dream becomes reality for Southern art student

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

As many seniors are getting ready for finals, one particular senior is preparing for her final semester and life-long dream. Lanita Heffner, senior secondary art education major, displayed several of her pieces in the Spiva Art Gallery this week.

The art on display includes sculptures, drawings, and paintings. Some of the art is even for sale.

"The most money I ever received for my art was \$130 for a collage painting," Heffner said.

Heffner's favorite drawing is not for sale. It is a graphite drawing of her younger

"I have always done art, since I was little. I will be certified to teach K-12, as of May 2000."

LANITA HEFFNER

Senior Secondary Art Education Major

sister titled "Pure Innocence."

Heffner said she believes all children should explore the creativeness of art.

"I have always done art, since I was little," she said. "I will be certified to teach K-12, as of May 2000."

"We believe teachers who participate in art, as well as teach art, are very good teachers," he said. "She is a confident and practicing artist."

Schwieger believes Heffner is sensitive to the needs of others. "Sensitivity toward

the well-being of others is important," he said. "Her print work is probably my favorite, because I teach print work. Overall, the work is high quality."

One particular metal sculpture on display, titled "God So Loved the World," demonstrates how important religion is to Heffner.

"It is an inspirational piece," she said. "The metal outline of the globe represents the whole world. The wooden cross going through the world means God is in this world. The two hands represent God holding the world in his hands."

Today is the last day to see Heffner's art on display, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Spiva Art Gallery. □

MODEL U.N.: Trip opens seven student's eyes to world view

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"The United Nations is not a perfect institution run by angels and prophets," Gurirab said, "but it is the only true international organization we have."

Gurirab said despite its faults, the U.N. is a vital forum.

"It is a universal oasis," he said.

He also suggested two major reforms for the U.N.

Gurirab favors enlarging the Security Council and removing the permanent members' (U.S., Britain, France, Russia, and China) veto power.

He also said member nations must pay their dues on time.

"The U.S. is notorious for not paying dues," Kiefer said.

Gurirab told the delegates that poverty must be eradicated to assist in development and peace. Kumbier was impressed when Gurirab stayed at the convention and met with the students.

"The conference gives people a very different perspective from their own," Kumbier said.

Steve Holland, junior marketing management major, served on the administration committee. He said the committee was successful

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DR. THED-BEN GURIRAB
President of U.N. General Assembly

and passed several resolutions.

"[There was] a lot of emphasis on financing," Holland said.

The role of the U.S. was a hot topic of debate.

U.N. members pay dues based on a percentage of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The U.S. pays the highest amount and wants

more votes in the U.N.

Kumbier said the convention was the culmination of months of research.

"A lot of it is done on the Internet," he said.

"That has changed since I first began."

Delegations critique other representatives' performances.

"We know in advance what issues will be discussed," Kumbier said.

He said a valuable asset the Southern representatives acquired was the transcript of the foreign minister of Qatar's opening statement to the U.N.

"That was an extra bit of material we had before we left," he said.

Kumbier said the students enjoyed the sites, sounds, and tastes of Chicago.

"Chicago was a great place to be," he said.

Holland said the convention was well organized. Kiefer applied and was accepted to work on the staff of next year's convention.

"My job is to find info on the Net and give it to the American Model United Nations to post on their Web site," Kiefer said.

The next major event on the Model U.N. calendar is a February trip to the Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis. □

BUSINESS: ACBSP approves school

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said. "It is just an additional verification of what is already here at Southern by an outside agency. This is a very positive accomplishment that will help Missouri Southern in the future."

ACBSP's mission statement consists of developing teaching skills, a strong commitment to international business education, improvements in articulation and transfer agreements, the development of technological innovation, research as a tool to improve teaching, and seeking better ways to assess faculty work and student progress.

"One of the main reasons behind

the school of business administration's decision to seek accreditation was because our (Southern's) mission statement matches their mission statement," Blades said.

ACBSP currently accredits approximately 250 two- and four-year colleges. The schools in Missouri accredited by ACBSP include Drury College, Southwest Baptist University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Three Rivers Community College.

"We are very proud to be an accredited school of business with its own specialized accreditation," Blades said. □

HOUSING: Rule forbids visitation

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as soon as they learn more information about the alleged crimes.

"This is a day-by-day thing," she said.

Gipson said by Tuesday she had received about seven complaints, most from people new to the College.

"That's not many out of a building of 200," she said. □

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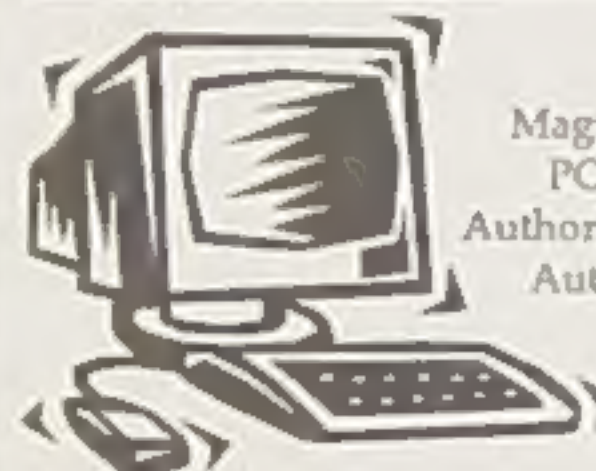
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Christmas Shopper

Holiday spirit inspires Joplin

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The halls are decked, the chestnuts are roasting, and tunes of the season are more than abundant.

Santa has made his way into Joplin to hear the wishes of boys and girls in the four states, while local stores are taking advantage of the influx of shoppers searching for the latest in merchandising marvels. It is officially Christmas.

That's right, the busiest shopping season of the year is in full swing. It's a zoo out there, and without the proper preparation, the average shopper can easily become lost amidst the chaos. There are only two weeks left until Christmas, and the good gifts are rapidly depleting.

Northpark Mall provides one-stop-shopping. The entire complex, decked with lights and decorations, offers enough sales to make the everyday shopper drool. Businesses love the Christmas season.

"Two weeks before Christmas is when it starts to get busy," said Danny Craven, assistant manager at Sam Goody. "It's the time when we start seeing a major increase in sales."

Most stores have the same opinion about this time of year. From sales to attractive visual displays, stores throughout the area are doing everything in their power to reel in hungry customers.

"All of our sales are targeted directly toward the Christmas shoppers," said Kamalani Beard, assistant manager at Maurices. "It works too, because we see astronomical figures."

One of the biggest pushes to boost store sales comes through the development of new retail merchandising units within the mall. A number of the new units specifically sell Christmas-related items. Even the stores that don't have spruced up their goods with seasonal decorations.

Some shops go so far as to dress up for the occasion, like the employees of Select Comfort, who wear their Christmas pajamas to work on the weekends.

"The crowds aren't so scary when you get to wear pajamas to work," said Janice Patterson, store manager.

Another attempt to attract would-be shoppers into the mall is through the numerous charities, contests, and special activities running throughout the department stores. From Internet contests to classic car drawings, the mall has cornered the market on Christmas entertainment.

As in past years, the Northpark Mall plays host to the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The Angel Tree program provides gifts to area residents residing in care facilities. Angel ornaments hang on a tree located in the easily accessible JC Penney Court. Here, customers browse through the angels hanging from the tree which contain information on a specific individual and his or her Christmas wish list. The customers

then purchase at least one item listed, and return it to the attendant at the tree. The Salvation Army distributes the gifts the week before Christmas.

Things Remembered is also getting in on charity involvement by partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation for their holiday ornament promotion. For each sale of an ornament, *Things Remembered* will donate \$2 to the Foundation.

The contests at the mall also stir up quite a bit of attention. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" contest, sponsored by KMXL radio station, runs until Dec. 14. When a certain key song plays on the station, the fifth caller will be asked to complete the phrase, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." Each day of the contest, one of the three players will be randomly selected to be a final participant. Winners receive gift packages for the mall valued between \$250 and \$300.

Then there is the sweepstakes entry available on the Internet at the Mallibu.com site, where participants sign up to win the \$1,000 given away each day until Christmas Eve.

While at the site, web surfers view a list of the top selling items of the season. With the mall being

crammed with parents trying to make their children's holiday wishes come true, knowing ahead of time what items are the hottest is usually a good idea.

Michael Jordan, Pokémon, and *Toy Story 2* merchandise are predicted to be hot sellers this holiday season, according to the 1999 General Growth Properties Retailer Survey. It also says retro is in style this year. From knee-high boots and clogs to flare jeans and sweater vests, people seem to want to honor the 20th century by reliving styles of past generations.

Entertainment is always a big draw during the holidays. DVD players and movies are growing more popular every year, and movie sellers expect big sales.

Bookstores are stocking their shelves with the Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling, one of the hottest new series of books for both children and adults. Michael Crichton has also released his latest novel, *Timeline*, in time for the seasonal rush.

In the clothing department, cashmere sweater sets are high on the list. Fur is on everything from purses and shoes to gloves, hats, coats, and sweaters. Leather is also popular this season, including jackets, gloves, and pants.

For the shopper seeking jewelry, diamonds remain popular holiday purchases, both in the form of tennis bracelets and engagement rings.

No matter what experience Christmas enthusiasts are seeking, the Northpark Mall is more than ready to accommodate them, although parking is somewhat unsafe. □



CHRIS ROBERTS/The Chart

Mary Gilker (right) and Teresa Blankenship get into the Christmas shopping spirit by sporting Santa hats while digging through one of the many discount racks throughout the mall.



CHRIS ROBERTS/The Chart

The Snow sisters stare longingly at fake snow, wishing it were the real kind to tickle their tongues. Many stores throughout the Northpark Mall have decorated in hopes of attracting more seasonal shoppers.

Most Popular Gifts of 1999 Holiday Season

It is often hard to decide on gifts for friends and family, but *The Chart* is here to help. The following is a list of the most popular gifts according to the 1999 General Growth Properties Retailer Survey.

- Baby Furby
- Sega Dreamcast
- Toy Story II
- Pokémon
- Rock-n-Roll Ernie and Elmo
- Donkey Kong 64
- Millennium Barbie
- Michael Jordan paraphernalia
- DVD Players and movies:
 - Austin Powers
 - Saving Private Ryan
 - The Blair Witch Project
- New album releases:
 - Mariah Carey
 - Celine Dion
 - Nine Inch Nails
 - Sting
 - N'Sync
- New book releases:
 - A Walk to Remember
 - The Greatest Generation Speaks
 - Timeline

Holiday Shopping Tips for 1999 Season

Shopping, especially during the Christmas season, can be somewhat treacherous. Below is a list of tips that will help make the shopping experience an enjoyable and successful occasion.

- Before heading out, make a list of who you need to buy for.
- Outline what gifts you are thinking of buying and what stores might have them.
- Shop during weekday mornings, at dinnertime, or during football games when stores are less busy.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Ask for larger bags with handles so you can combine your purchases.
- Take advantage of free gift wrapping.
- Keep all holiday receipts in one holder.
- Buy heavy items last.
- Shop as a family and split into groups.
- Save Santa for last.
- Shop early to avoid the holiday rush.



CHRIS ROBERTS/The Chart

Children visit with Santa at the mall for a picture and to leave their Christmas wishes.



CHRIS ROBERTS/The Chart

Janet Birkhead (right), employee at JC Penney, does some Christmas shopping with her friend Tara Berry, senior graphics communications major at Missouri Southern, during a lunch break. Many mall employees enjoy discounts during the season.

■ Noppadol Paothong, director of photography, was the only college student selected to participate in the Missouri Photo Workshop, Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, 1999, in West Plains, Mo.

The workshop faculty members were all professional photographers from well-known national and international publications such as Time Magazine, National Geographic, The Seattle Times, The Kentucky Courier-Journal, and The Washington Post.

Each participating photographer was charged with finding a subject worthy of a one-week photo essay. This page includes work from Paothong's project.

Ethan Yarbrough copes with Downs

BY NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
Director of Photography

The morning of April 11, 1991 changed Karen Yarbrough's life forever when she gave birth to her second child, Ethan.

She knew something was wrong. The doctor would not let her see her child. Eight years ago, Yarbrough was only 28 with a two-year-old son. She grew up on a middle-class farm, and her life had always been a "perfect bubble."

The morning after giving birth to her second son, she overheard a conversation from the nurses about Ethan, who was born with a chromosomal disorder called Down syndrome. She was shocked and disappointed because all of her perfect hopes and dreams were thrown out the window.

Yarbrough's family life had changed dramatically since Ethan's birth because there was always one problem after another. She left her full-time job and devoted her life to Ethan, who needed her help especially during the first six months after having surgeries.

Ethan received nine separate surgeries by the time he turned three, including heart, hernia, colostomy revision, ears, and biopsy of the intestine.

"It took 24 hours a day because he couldn't be left to anybody," Yarbrough said.

Every day for the first nine months, she was in a deep depression and feared losing him.

Hope for the child to survive in this world meant sending Ethan, who is now 8, to Howell Valley Elementary School in West Plains. There he learns like a child without a handicap.

Like other Down syndrome children, Ethan has flaccid, which makes the tongue wider.

"He communicated through sign language for years before he learned to speak, and his language was not potty trained," said Katie Black, a teacher's aide at Howell Valley.

Each Down syndrome child has different levels of functioning. Ethan has to learn basic skills such as identifying photographs of places and what he will have to do with them. This exercise helps improve both his vocabulary and memory.

Black believes that to put Down syndrome children with other normal children in class helps increase their knowledge because their classmates function at a higher level.

"Down syndromes are very visual people, all they have to do is watch and imitate," said Cheryl Harvey, head of the department for special students at Howell Valley.

"For example, they will duplicate when they see other kids eat, standing in line, and other social skills, and it is very important what they will be learning at school at an early age."

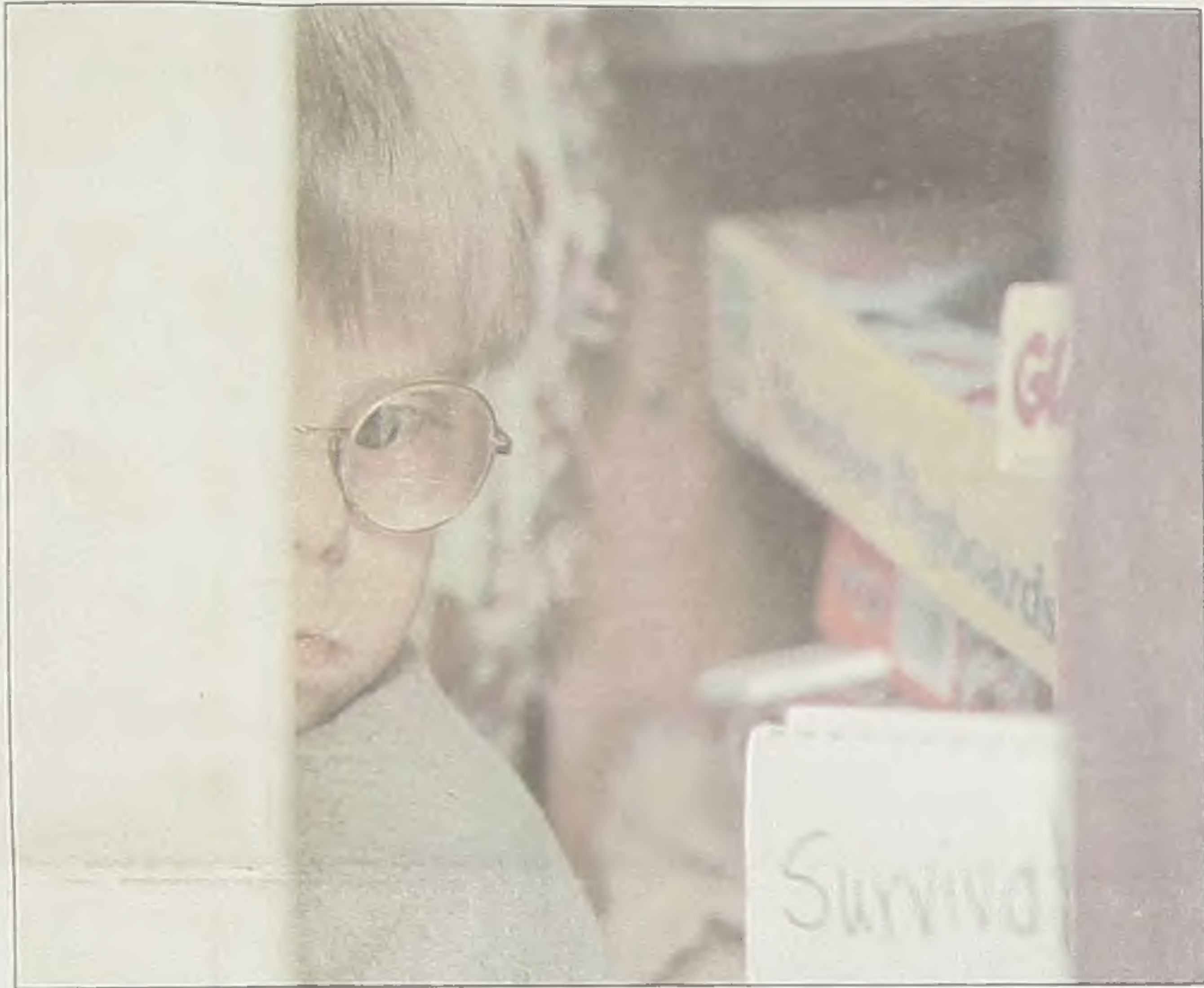
"Being a parent of a Down syndrome child takes a lot of patience," Yarbrough said.

She also thinks many times families can not stick together because of the pressure, and they try hard to keep balance in the family.

Yarbrough's family hopes that some day Ethan can live independently on the farm where he grew up.

"The progress is slow and may take longer, but when he gets in there, we will be happy," Yarbrough said. □

Special Person SPECIAL NEEDS



Ethan Yarbrough peers through the cubical in frustration during his time-out at Howell Valley Elementary School in West Plains.



Ethan's mom, Karen Yarbrough, gives him a bath. Although he is 8 years old, he still needs a lot of attention.



Ethan watches his favorite TV show, Barney. Down syndrome children can imitate what they see, and what they learn at an early age is very important.



Every day, Ethan helps his father, Dale Yarbrough, feed the cows at his 120-acre farm in West Plains.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

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Art appreciation class takes students to London, Paris, Rome

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

Students can only learn so much from books. A time comes when they must learn first-hand, and step out of the classroom.

This is exactly what V.A. Christensen has in store for students during his spring semester Art Appreciation class when it culminates with a European tour.

"With visual art there's something with the encounter with the original work that can't be conveyed in a reproduction — it's not the original experience," said Christensen, assistant professor of art and director of the trip.

Jean Schroter, 1997 graphic arts graduate, agreed with Christensen's view of experiencing art first-hand.

"When you see things in person it gives

you a totally different perspective than seeing it in a book," said Schroter, who attended an art-related trip to Sweden in 1993 with Southern students. Christensen said this is the first year for the European trip, and praised the availability to a majority of students instead of students in specific areas of study. Because the class is the core curriculum, Christensen said, students are eligible for the class.

However, only the students enrolled in the 1 p.m. class, which will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, are eligible for the trip because of the tailored schedule in preparation for the trip.

"This class reaches across the core and allows students who aren't juniors or seniors to be enriched [by international learning]," Christensen said.

The enrichment Christensen hopes his

students will gain comes from a 10-day trip with stops in Paris, London, and Rome on May 16-25. Christensen said a major benefit of the trip's timing allows students to come home in time for summer school or employment.

During the semester, Christensen said in-class time will be shortened, but that time will later be made up in Europe. The class's requirements will be fulfilled before the class ends, with the exception of a journal that students will keep while traveling.

"It [the journal] should reflect that students have engaged with the materials encountered," Christensen said.

Experiencing Renaissance, Romantic, Impressionistic, Baroque, and period art from three countries will be the group's focus. Christensen will assign art pieces for students to look for during the trip.

He said the first stop is London, with a visit to the National Gallery, the Tate Gallery, along with traditional tourist sites, including Buckingham Palace. One particular piece Christensen thinks should be interesting is the Elgin marbles from the Parthenon. The group will stay three nights and two days before taking the "Chunnel," the underwater train, under the English Channel to Paris.

In Paris, the Louvre, Museum d'Orsay, and Pompidou will take most of the class' attention, with art ranging from Impressionistic to modern.

After two days in Paris, the class will take an overnight train to Rome and visit the Vatican Museum. Christensen said Pope John Paul II has declared the year 2000 a year of jubilee, and the city will be packed with tourists and Catholic pilgrims.

Christensen said students will be required to attend the group activities about four hours a day. He said free time will be available for individual exploration of the cities.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,600, which includes air travel, hotel accommodations, food, admittance to museums, and ground transportation. Grants are available to students through the Institute of International Studies.

For information about grants, students may contact Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute, at 625-9736, or the financial aid office at 625-9325.

Although the cost may seem high, Christensen said it will be worth it.

"Here's an opportunity to do something life-changing; 25 years from now you'll still be talking about it," he said.

Students talk shopping, New Year's resolutions

By GINNY ANDREWS
Senior Editor

Millennium madness, resolutions for the new year, and what awaits them next semester are a few issues on the minds of *The Chart's* Class of 2001.

Junior political science and Spanish major Wade Early says he hopes to be hitting the Colorado ski slopes on Dec. 31.

"Right now it looks like I'm going to be in Colorado visiting an old room mate who is working in Keystone," Early said.

He said there are a few things he would like to see the new year bring. His resolutions include academic and physical goals.

"I'm never going to take 19 hours of school again in my life so that I can love school and not hate it," he said. "I also need to get buff and lose the love handles."

Early has also been contemplating traveling abroad for a semester, but said recent events have put a kink in his hopes to travel to Colombia, South America.

"I'm definitely not going to Colombia because they are having big civil war and unrest problems," he said.

He also said he's unsure the travel would be beneficial for his ambitions of receiving two degrees by May.

Junior biology major Amanda Pulci moved out of her mother's house just over a month ago and says she's leery about making New Year's plans.

"I don't even know if I want to go anywhere because I don't want to go out in town and have something bad happen," she said.

Conflicting notices in the mail are what have Pulci wondering about Y2K.

"I've gotten letters in the mail from my bank saying they're Y2K ready, but then I got two notices already about how much water I need to save up to be prepared," she said.

Pulci also says she has bigger

things to deal with before Jan. 1, like Christmas shopping.

"I haven't even started," she said. "I'm waiting to the last minute 'cause that's just how I am. There's just no reason for it."

Junior elementary education major Nann Robertson laughed at the suggestion of a New Year's resolution.

"My resolution is to stop biting my fingernails, but that's painful because it's been my resolution for 40 years," she said.

She also says she was hoping to go to a party to celebrate the year 2000.

"I wanted a party with confetti and everything, but we can't find one, and who's having one," Robertson said. "They're all staying home. How boring."

WINTER'S HERE!



Ben Michel, senior criminal justice major, scrapes ice off the windshield of his vehicle at Somerset Apartments Monday morning.

MATT MADURAI/The Chart

Seasoned traveler shares secrets of Traveling Cheap

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

He's been to 55 countries. He spent \$1,000 on a four-month tour of Europe. Sound amazing?

He has climbed the great pyramids in Egypt, bungee jumped off a bridge in Africa, stood in front of the Berlin Wall, seen the Parthenon, delivered a painting to the vice president of Sutherland in New York, been to Nelson Mandela's house, sung "How Row Row Your Boat" with an Israeli man in the Assyrian Desert, and slept in a Turkish inn. And he's done most of it on \$88 a day.

Gil White, author of "Europe and the World on 88 Cents a Day," spoke to a meager crowd of approximately 20 students at Missouri Southern on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Webster Hall auditorium. "I was very disappointed in the attendance; he was very knowledgeable and helpful," said Mischa Admire, sophomore nursing major. "And with Missouri Southern's international mission, I would think more people would want to learn about travel."

With Willie Nelson's, "On the Road Again," beginning the journey, White took the audience into his world of excitement and adven-

"Travel is the best education you can get; it's a great way to grow up, and you're always better for it."

GIL WHITE

ture. White said he started traveling at the early age of 16 when he lived in Australia, to play tennis. Although his parents were leery of his solo expedition, he said they trusted him and allowed him to be independent. From there, his quest for interacting with other cultures spurred him to travel elsewhere.

"Travel is the best education you can get; it's a great way to grow up, and you're always better for it," White said.

In imparting this zeal to his audience, he gave tips and advice from his book for the first-time traveler.

White said his tips won't get travelers the first-rate hotels and guided group tours, and won't leave people scrounging garbage cans for food and sleeping in ditches. His secrets lie in the people of the country he's visiting — cul-

tures differ from every part of the world.

"You don't need a lot of money for a \$2,500 trip in Europe," White said. "Students get discouraged [when they think about the cost], but don't compare cultures to your own."

Although crime rates and picking up hitchhikers may be something to keep Americans from helping a stranger, White said people in foreign countries do it all the time.

He told stories of randomly meeting strangers who help him by giving him a ride, a meal, a tour, or a place to sleep.

"It proves that not every person is going to kill or mug you; people are very friendly," he said.

White said it's not dangerous for men to travel alone, but did advise women to travel with a partner. He stressed the importance of travel-

ing alone to be able to set the pace of the trip and to force people to be outgoing to strangers.

White equally stressed that travelers must not take advantage of their hosts and become freeloaders. Travelers must always repay their guests with some form of payment in work, or a gift.

"Don't abuse hospitality," White said. "Ask if you can stay, but offer to do something and be nice. Even invite them to your country if they're ever your way."

White said he usually walks around the city with his pack, and people know he's a traveler and dresses like a student. He finds people to talk with in farmer's markets, and restaurants.

He shared one story of how he needed to get from Paris to England to fly home.

He said he looked for license plates on cars in Paris until he found one that would probably be heading to England.

He put a note on the car which said, "I need a ride to England; will you wake me up in the morning," and slept by the van.

The next morning, he was awakened by two art dealers who agreed to take him to England, but asked something in return.

White agreed to deliver a painting to New York. He ended up

Tips for the Frugal Traveler



What to Pack?

- Flag of country
- Post cards from home, stamps, T-shirts as gifts for people who host you
- Small radio — listen to country's music
- Carry food always
- Good backpack
- Good boots, sandals, dress clothes, play clothes
- Marker, cardboard for signs to future destinations
- Pup tent
- Pack clothes in clear plastic bags for easy access and compact packing

Getting Around

- Be willing to try anything
- Ask for directions
- Ask directions from people your own age
- Travel during off-season
- Get accommodations as soon as you enter a town

- Don't sleep on train at night — might miss stop, sites
- Stop traveling when sun sets
- Stay at hostels or on university campuses
- Make friends
- Carry small bills, \$1 U.S. bills make nice gifts
- Use Travelers Checks in denominations of \$10 and \$20
- Practice language — don't assume they know English
- Rent a bike, not a car
- Don't buy all visas at once
- Carry many passport-size photos
- Don't give passport to hotel people
- Carry money belt on inside of clothing
- If at hotel, don't book tours through them — too expensive
- Offer work in exchange for stay — washing dishes, yard work

delivering that painting to the home of the vice president of Sutherland.

"You need to take that attitude to take and do stuff you never would back home," White said.

This attitude has taken White on some outlandish adventures and he said it has given him memories to last a life time.

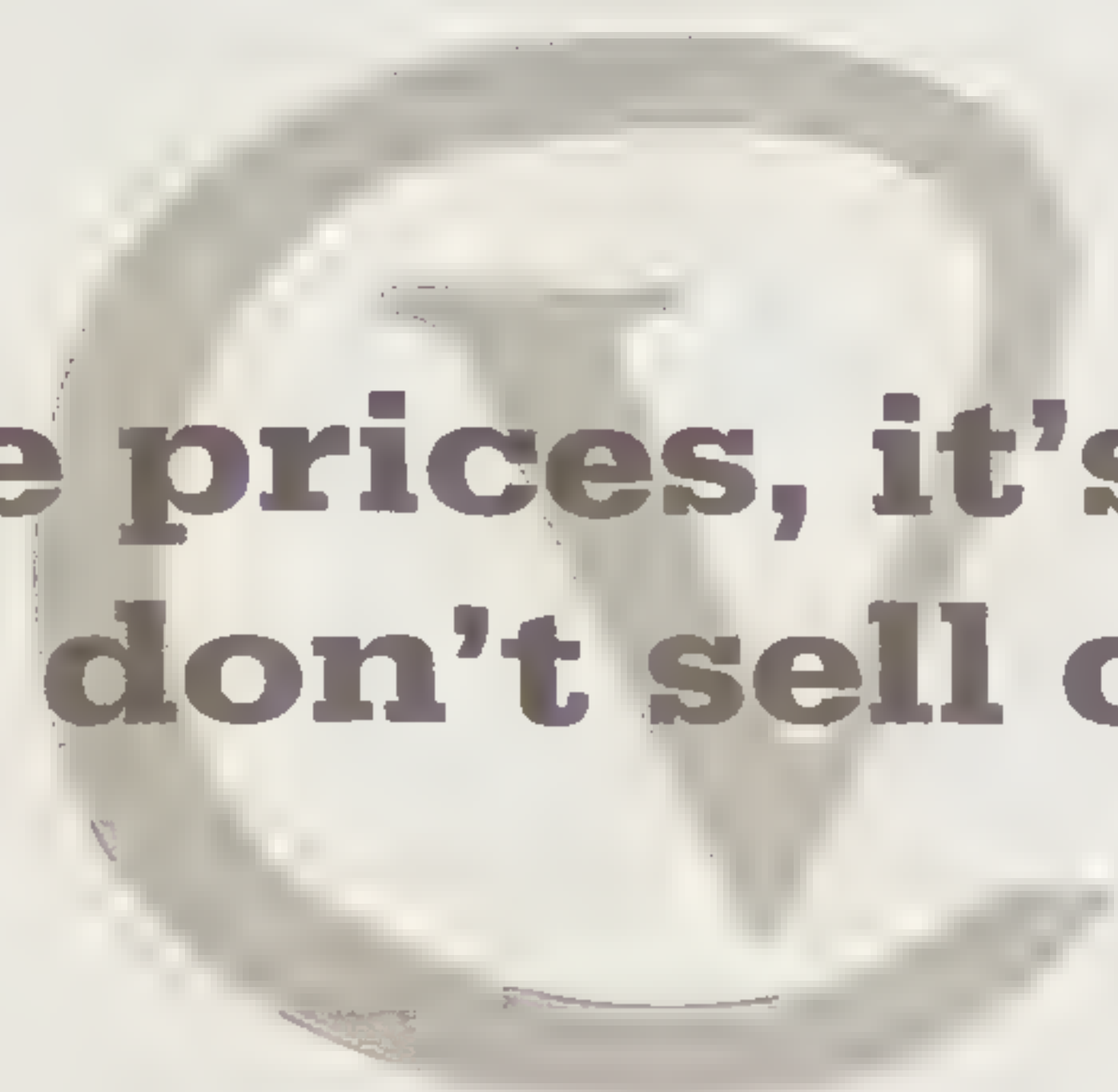
Admire attended the lecture in hopes of gaining knowledge for her trip to Switzerland in the spring. She said she thought White's talk was very helpful, but she's not sure she'll be able to use all the suggestions.

"I'm not sure if I would hitchhike by myself, but I thought the flag on the backpack was helpful," she said.

Admire will study in Geneva, Switzerland during the spring semester with the School of Business through Webster University of St. Louis.

"I've never been outside the United States, and it's always been my goal to go to Europe and study for at least a semester," Admire said.

She said she also plans to stay at universities while traveling Europe on weekends.



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Student overcomes setback, realizes dreams

By ERICA MATTLAGE
Chart Reporter

To athletes, "live for your sport" may take on a new meaning if they might die from playing the sport they love.

Jason "Chubbs" Young, senior kinesiology major, was 4 years old when he suffered his first seizure. The doctors did not know what caused it, so they had no diagnosis. Young was put on medication, only to be taken off of it when he was 10 because he had not had another occurrence. His next seizure happened on July 29, 1998.

"I was on the top floor of Reynolds Hall and just dropped," he said.

Again, the doctors did not know the cause of the seizure, and still could not diagnose it. They did, however, tell Young

that he could die. He continued to play football with his condition.

At the time, the football team was only two weeks into the season, and NFL scouts had been talking to him.

"I would have loved to play football for the NFL," said Young, a two-year Lions starter.

Not only could he not play football, but he also could not drive a vehicle for one year after his seizure. Things looked down, but he decided to make the best of the situation.

"I decided to get more involved in campus activities," he said.

Young is the Student Senate vice president, a paraprofessional staff assistant, copresident of the Kinesiology Club, and a Lions cheerleader. He wanted to be a

cheerleader because he already knew how, and he wanted to be "close to the game."

"I hold a lot of positions, but I'm really not a very put-together person like people think," Young said. "If there's a job, I will risk failure to get it done because deep down, I know I can do it. I will put up a confident front to be the leader people need."

When he's not involved in his various activities, Young holds three jobs. He substitutes teaches at Webb City schools, referees flag football at the Joplin Family Y, and works as the Student Life Center office. During his extra time, he likes to play pool, the guitar, and write songs.

Young also recorded a demo tape of country music.

In the near future, he hopes to become a certified personal trainer, graduate the fall

of 2000, and get a job coaching high school football.

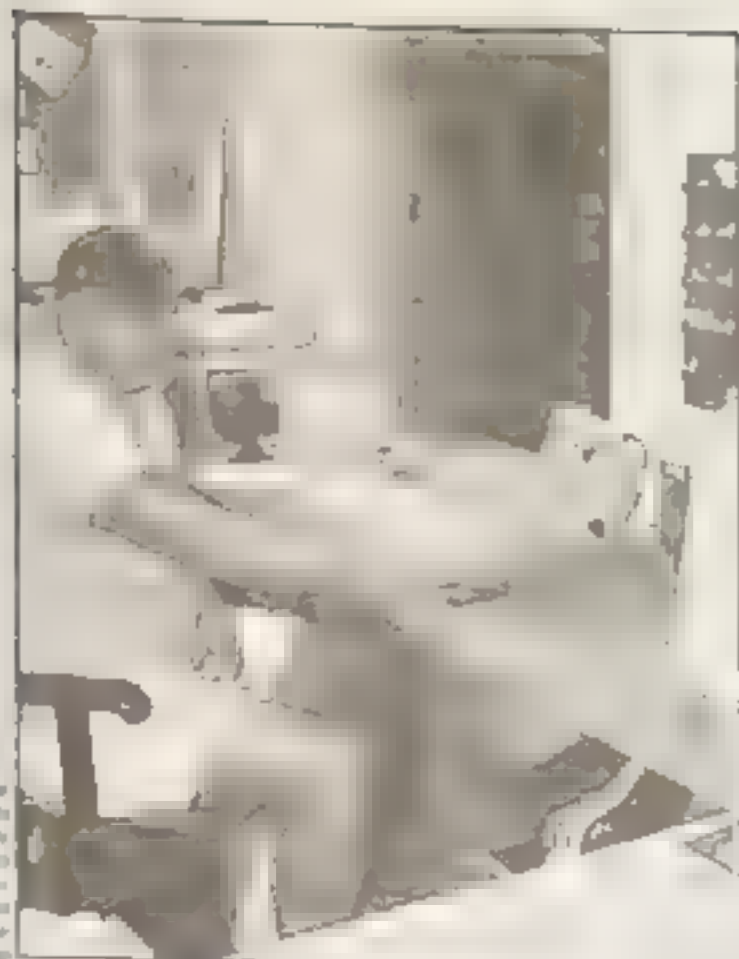
"I want to be a really good coach," Young said. "I want to start out as an assistant, because you can't start out as a head coach and be a really good one. You have to work your way to the top."

When times get tough, Young looks to his grandfather, who is a positive influence in his life.

"We're always joking around and flirting with women," Young said, "but it's harmless."

His grandfather lives in Oklahoma, so they don't see each other often, but when they do, they have a good time.

"He always tells me life may be hard and things may go wrong, but you still have to be happy," Young said. □



Jason Young, senior kinesiology major, sits in the Student Life Center while on duty as a staff assistant.

Hanging Around

By RENAE ROACH
Chart Reporter

Student enjoys helping children, handicapped

Helping other people is one of Bekka Branum's main goals.

Branum, sophomore history major, spent the summer working as a counselor at Camp Barnabus, a camp for children with developmental disabilities.

"The first week we had eight campers and five of them were in wheelchairs," she said. "That was really tough."

During different weeks, there are different campers at Barnabus, and all of them have some kind of disability — children in wheelchairs, legally blind, deaf, and others.

"After the first week, I didn't want to go back," Branum said. "I thought, 'I can't keep this going. This is too tough.'"

Besides being physically straining, the camp was emotionally challenging. The workers had to assist the campers with everything.

"It was worth it in the end, because I met a lot of awesome people," she said. "People who are just amazing because they work so hard."

Branum has a special interest in camps like Barnabus because she has an 18-year-old brother with autism.

"It makes me happy that people care enough to volunteer or work at camps like this because he [her brother] won't get to go to any without people who want to help," she said.

At the camp, children do activities like swimming, hiking, archery, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, and arts and crafts.

The camp's various activities have to be approached differently because of the type of campers there.

With the blind children, they play a game called beeper ball. Similar to baseball, a ball constantly beeps and the bases have a bell that rings on them.

"Beeper ball is hard, but the kids have a lot of fun playing it," Branum said. "I don't think that I could play beeper ball."

While in high school, she volunteered at a thrift store called Crosslines All the money



Bekka Branum, sophomore history major, entertains participants in the Joplin Family Y School Plus Program, an afterschool program at Columbia Elementary School.

made Crosslines a very busy place for needy people. It also had a food pantry.

One time, Crosslines helped a family get a house, furniture, and many other things because the family basically had nothing.

"The parents left the kids at a family member's house when they were moving in," she said. "We went to their house and put up a Christmas tree so that the

kids could have it on when they came to their new home."

Now Branum is a one-on-one aide for a girl with a severe mental disability.

Branum works through the Joplin Family Y School Plus Program.

Her family is also active in helping people.

Her mother substitutes teaches

her father teaches a Sunday school class for adults with developmental disabilities.

This summer, she's going to take a break and visit India with the Southern-in-India summer study abroad program led by Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant director of the program.

"I'm really excited about the trip," she said. "I want to see the Taj Mahal." □



Students never know what shade this chameleon will select next. Dan Johnston, senior sociology major, constantly changes his hair color, making him easily recognizable on campus.

Locks attract looks

By ARIK GILBERT
Chart Reporter

While some students might change their minds about their majors, Dan Johnston, senior sociology major, has gone through different phases of hair color.

Over the past few years, Johnston has dyed his hair more times than he cares to remember.

"You can tell who my real friends are because they don't even notice it anymore," Johnston said.

Although his appearance garnishes attention on campus, it mystifies him as to why it is a big deal and why students and faculty alike get such a kick out of his ever-changing "do."

"It shouldn't even be an issue with people," Johnston said.

"To me, I consider it the same as wearing a shirt. I get teased all the time about the way I look, but that's part of it."

"And besides, it makes life interesting when you walk down the street."

Deciding to come to Southern was an easy choice for Johnston.

"It was the only school that would take me with the grades I had in high school," he said.

In the past few years, Johnston has been an active member of the live music scene.

He was the lead singer of the punk band Uncle Sam's Misguided Children, U.S.M.C. for short.

The band went on a short tour that has only cemented Johnston's love for music, even if his talent might be limited.

"I have zero musical talent," Johnston said.

"I am a performer on stage with live music behind me."

Even though he has been in numerous bands, Johnston has expressed a peculiar personal trait.

"I hate musicians," he said. "I don't get along with them — they are fickle people."

To concentrate on school, Johnston has quit working two part-time jobs while school is in session and lives with his parents.

His mother is an instructor in Southern's theatre department, and his father runs a foster home.

Johnston's home doubles as the foster home, meaning that there are seven other children in the home at all times.

"From 3 to 10 p.m., it's pretty difficult," he said.

"It's like a hurricane of kids, but they provide an income, which is why they are upstairs and I live in the basement."

While some people might find themselves going insane in the same position, Johnston finds it endearing.

"Just sitting at a table with seven foster kids is just awesome," Johnston said.

"It's a great chaotic experience, and you always leave with indigestion." □

Life's simplicities, individualism shape Shoup's imaginative style

By CAMERON BOHANNON
Chart Reporter

A "vuck," a post-apocalyptic literature, a "friendly ghost" and being a Quaker are just a few of the ingredients that make up the life of Nathan Shoup.

"I get a lot of thumbs up from people staring," said Shoup, sophomore undecided major, of his half-van half-truck, which he refers to as the "vuck."

Shoup made modifications to his 1990 Pontiac Transport after the rear was destroyed by an 18-wheeler in 1998.

"I had no money to change it back, so I just looked at it and thought 'eh,' took a reciprocating saw and cut off every-

thing that was crushed," he said.

Shoup began building his first vehicle when he was 15 using the body of a 1977 Land Rover and the parts of more than a dozen different makes of cars. If he couldn't afford or find a certain part, he built one, or adapted another as a substitute.

He said he used "anything to make it work."

Shoup values being an individual, and defines himself as "highly intelligent, overly imaginative, and not bound by social standards."

"I find life to be far too short to not do something I want to do merely because society tramples on it," he said.

Though Shoup may seem complex, he is mainly concerned with life's simplicities.

"I'm me," he said. "I try to be the best I can. I hope my tombstone can say 'Was a good man.'"

Shoup's father, Robert Comer, died in 1981 from a secondary disease of leukemia.

Though he never knew his father, Shoup believes he saw his ghost until he was 4 years old.

"I never had an invisible friend; I had a friendly ghost," Shoup said.

"I used to laugh for hours at whatever he was doing."

With an interest in post-apocalyptic lit-

erature, he not only reads, but writes his own novels.

Other interests include criticizing low-budget films, and designing and constructing various inventions.

He won an engineering award for his design of a thermo-mill, a project that was also acknowledged by the Army with several certificates of achievement.

"I also sit and ponder things, like equations, and things will pop into my head," Shoup said in regard to his numerous ideas and theories on subjects such as mass and gravity.

He is a Quaker, and attends Lowell Friends Church in Kansas. □



Nathan Shoup's "vuck" evolved following an encounter with an 18-wheeler.

Lions' Lair Offer

The Green Side of the Court

The chairback seating on the west side of the basketball court is referred to as the "Green." This side has seating divided into five sections which include (from south to north) unreserved chairback, reserved chairback (season ticket holders), Corporate Nonbackers (membership) and two student/faculty sections.

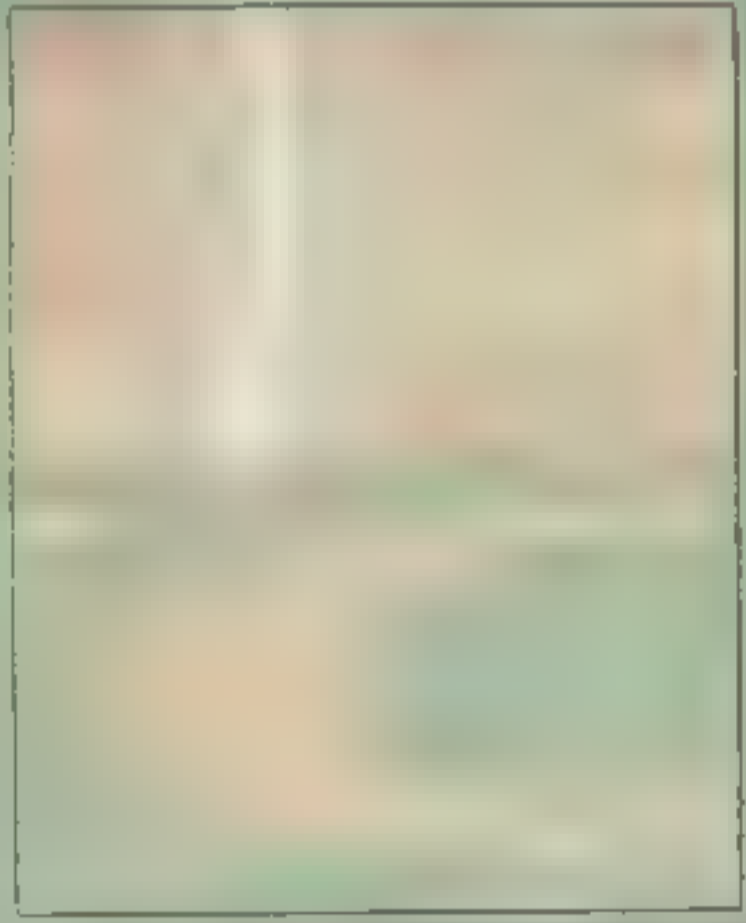


Getting the Word Out

The Leggett & Platt Athletic Center has an area assigned for use by the media. On the east side of the court, tables are set up for use by local newspaper, radio, television representatives and college sports information officials.

Hitting the Hardwood

The Leggett & Platt Athletic Center has a regulation size wooden parquet floor basketball court. This will be the scene of numerous sporting events and on Dec. 18 will see its first Missouri Southern graduation ceremony.



Adding a Little Rhythm

The Missouri Southern Lion Pride Pep Band sits in removable seating on the south side of the basketball court during home games.

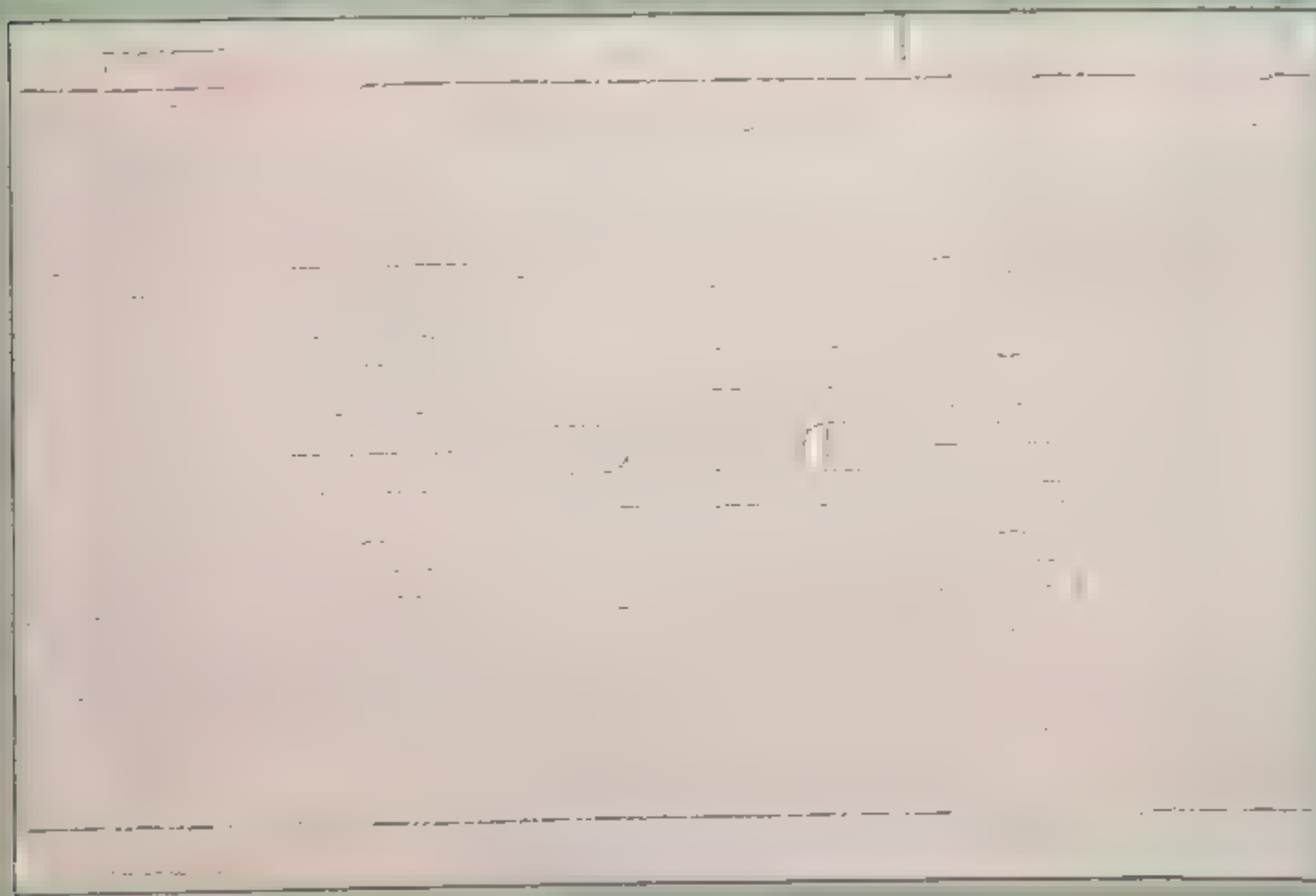
A reader's guide to the Leg



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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center Floor Plan



- This \$7.5 million sports complex was finished in the fall of 1999 and officially dedicated on Oct. 15.
- The 80,000-square-foot structure was designed by Deutsch Associates of Phoenix, Ariz., and seats over 3,200 fans.
- It has individual chair-back seating on both sides of the court with bleacher seating on one end.
- There are two synthetic basketball courts on either side of the main court, and the three courts are encircled by the six-lane, 200-meter indoor St. John's track.



Room to Roar

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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center



Keeping an Eye on the Score

The new scoreboard is a product of the Nevco Scoreboard Company. It is a four-face scoreboard that meets all NCAA requirements.



The North Side of the Court

The bleachers on the north side of the basketball court are for use by general admission patrons.

The Gold Side of the Court

The chairback seating on the east side of the basketball court is referred to as the "Gold." This side has seating (from south to north) divided into five sections. The unreserved chairback, two Lionbackers sections, reserved chairback, and will call (family, players' tickets, and alumni).



The Ones Who do the Work

The home and visiting teams sit on the gold or east side of the basketball court. The home is on the north and the visiting team is on the south.

MIAA Sports Facility Top-Dogs

The new Leggett & Platt Athletic Center is considered one of the nicest in the MIAA. Here's a look at the competition:

Central Missouri State University

- CMSU Multipurpose Building
- Built in 1976
- Cost \$5.5 million to construct
- Seats 8,500 people
- MIAA indoor track
- Mascot is the Mule
- Home record 259-36



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Washburn University

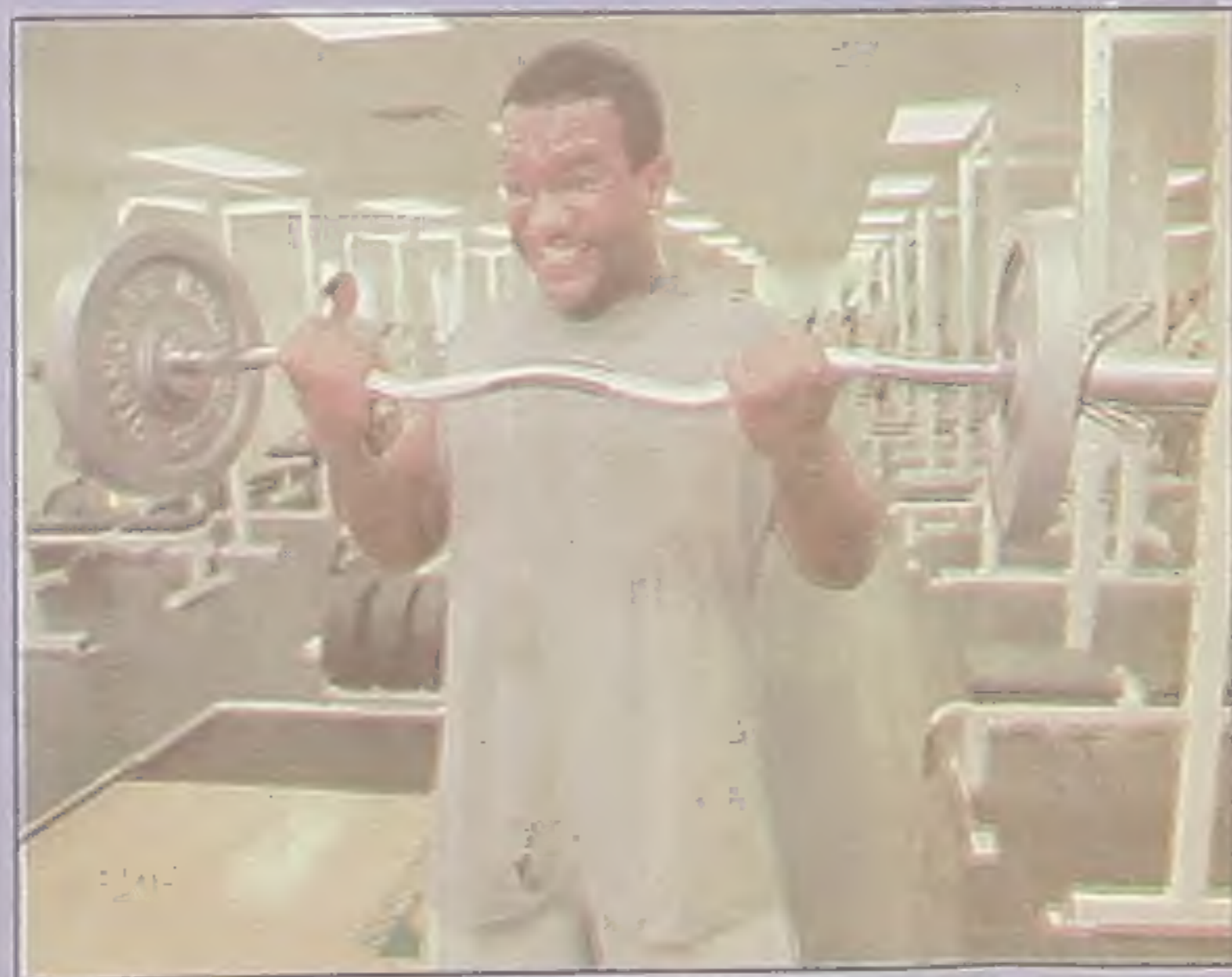


Special to The Chart

- Lee Arena
- Built in 1984
- Cost \$8.4 million to construct
- Seats 4,298 people
- Host of NCAA postseason competition
- Mascot is the Ichabod
- Home record is 186-31

Athletic Center features the Freeman Fitness Center

With the opening of the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center came the opening of the Freeman Fitness Center. It is situated on the south side of the basement level of the building. It contains a state-of-the-art weight room and athletic training facility. This facility is for use in training by Missouri Southern athletes. This addition was made possible by contributions from Freeman Health Systems.



SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Four employees bid Southern goodbye

Missouri Southern is saying goodbye to four of its employees in the close of this semester.

Morris Sweet, chief engineer for Southern's radio and television station, is retiring after 14 years. Dr. J.R. Moorman, head of the communications department, said Sweet was the original engineer for the College in overseeing the expansion of the electronic campus.

"He's an incredible asset to lose," Moorman said. "He'll be sorely missed in his knowledge of broadcasting. He's helped the College grow into what it is today."

Kristy Jackson, career services coordinator, has resigned from her position in the Career Services office. Her last day will be Dec. 17. Jennifer Yazell, director of career services, said Jackson and her husband will be moving to Kansas City to take new jobs.

"She has really been a terrific asset

to Career Services and to Missouri Southern," Yazell said.

Mary Adamson, admissions recruiter for Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, is terminating her position at Southern to take a job in a securities and investment company. Clay Deem, assistant to the director of enrollment services, said Adamson spearheaded the Southern Ambassador's program and has overseen Southern Discovery Days.

"She's done an excellent job in recruiting in the out-of-state territory," Deem said. "We've really seen the benefit of having a full-time recruiter in that area with her."

The Lifelong Learning Center is also losing its on-line course developer. Bryan Lawler is leaving after working at Southern for a year and a half. Lawler said he's leaving to pursue a computer programming-software developing position at Hook-Up, a Joplin-based trucking company.

"Hook-Up offered me the job and I took the opportunity to go there," Lawler said. "The timing was right." □

CBS airs Coffman during poetry contest in Chicago

Kiki Coffman, senior mass communications major, appeared on CBS' 60 Minutes on Nov. 28. The segment she appeared on was a feature on the 10th Anniversary National Poetry Slam Championship.

She appeared during the segment for roughly 20 seconds as a close-up while performing a poem on the essence of poetry. Featured in the 60 Minutes piece were Marc Smith, the founder of slam poetry, and Robert Pinsky, poet laureate to the U.S. The competition was held in August at the Chicago House in Chicago, Ill. Coffman said she was there with 200 of the best performance poets in the U.S.

"I got there with the three members of my team representing Missouri, after competing to land on the team," she said. The other members of the Missouri team included Brian Cole, Mike Hoerman, and Eneu Thomas. □



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Lawrence eagerly anticipating hardcourt return



FILE PHOTO
Jen Lawrence hopes to be back in action soon for Southern.

By GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

Junior Jennifer Lawrence is balancing the rigors of school life, final exams, studying, and sports — two of them.

This fall she helped kick off the Lady Lions' inaugural season in soccer as a forward.

Lawrence battled through a heel spur for most of the year, before an injury cut her 1999 campaign short.

She logged countless minutes up and down the field, with her ankle bandaged, without the luxury of depth behind her. Lawrence was one of two upperclassmen on the team. Against Southwest Baptist University, she scored the game-winning goal for the Lady Lions.

Her transition from the soccer field to the hardwood has been anything but the one she expected. She is still bothered by a heel spur. At practice, she's limited to running the game clock and watching her

teammates, while the anticipation of playing grows. When she returns, she'll have to deal with nearly two months of being inactive, but she has been conditioning since the summer, thanks to soccer.

"I can't wait," she said. "I cannot stand sitting and watching every day. I'm so excited about playing."

Lawrence plans to kick off her season Tuesday, despite her heel. She believes playing two sports isn't as inhibiting as some would think, but she says they keep her busy and in shape year round. The two schedules don't conflict, but she does miss up to two weeks of basketball practice.

Coaches haven't complained much, and she says they've been very supportive of her decision.

"I think that they both know that it benefits me both on the field and on the court, playing both sports," she said.

Soccer and basketball have very little in common. Their styles of play are different, as well as rules, and

environment. Both can be physically demanding, and present their own challenges. However, Lawrence says both sports are her favorite. In fact, she combines the two. She believes the footwork skills needed to play soccer give her an advantage in basketball.

"I feel like going from soccer to basketball, I'm so much quicker, because you're using your feet 99 percent of the time," she said. "Basketball helps on the soccer field also."

Cartersville High School didn't have a soccer program, so Lawrence spent her autumns playing volleyball, before playing basketball. She garnered all conference honors in volleyball, and earned all-conference, all-district, and all-area honors in basketball.

And, of course, school remains top priority for Lawrence.

"If things go the way they're supposed to, I'll graduate in May of 2001," she said. □

MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

Bearcats travel to Alabama to battle for national crown

Maryville saw its Northwest Missouri football team advance to the national championship for the second straight year. The Bearcats played host to Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Saturday in a game that went down to the wire.

In their first two possessions, the Bearcats failed to capitalize by missing field goals on both drives. After a defensive battle in the first quarter, Northwest drew first blood when quarterback Travis Miles found wide receiver Ryan George for a four-yard touchdown pass.

The Bearcats saw a missed opportunity when they turned the ball over late in the second quarter on the IUP two-yard line. The score remained 7-0 at the half.

The Indians managed to respond in the second half as Terrance Wilson ran in their first touchdown. However, the missed extra-point kept IUP down by one.

Northwest lost the lead early in the fourth quarter when IUP quarterback Brian Eyerman hit wide receiver Greg Dorsey for a 48-yard touchdown. After the two-point conversion attempt failed, the score was 12-7. Kicker David Purnell later managed to find his mark and bang through his first field goal to put the Bearcats back within two.

After Amir Dew fumbled the kick off for the Indians, the Bearcats recovered. A struggling offensive drive brought Purnell back on the field. This time he hit a 35-yard field goal to put Northwest back in the lead. The Bearcats never looked back as they held on to win, 20-12.

Florence, Ala. will be the setting tomorrow as Northwest takes on Carson-Newman to attempt winning the national championship two years in a row. □

Miners capture three wins over non-conference teams

For the first time in three seasons, Missouri-Rolla has begun its basketball season at a 3-0 mark. Saturday night, the Miners played host to Lincoln University, which dropped to 1-5 on the season.

Leading the way for UMR was Kasim Withers, who tallied 21 points. Jason Friday scored 16 points for the visitors while playing a total of only 14 minutes.

The difference proved to be field goals as Lincoln went 13 for 38 in the first half, compared to UMR's 10 for 39.

The Miners were in the lead at the half by a score of 55-39. Despite Lincoln managing to outscore UMR in the second half, 44-42, the first half was too much as the Miners held on to take a 97-83 victory. UMR will next be in action tomorrow night as they travel to Kansas City to take on Rockhurst in a non-conference game. □

Central Missouri reaches 1,300 win milestone

History was made in Warrensburg on Saturday night as Central Missouri became the first NCAA Division II school to have 1,300 wins. The CMSU basketball team hosted Bellevue University in a non-conference game. Leading the way for the Mules was Sean Price with a total of 25 points. Behind him was Daryl Greene with 22 points. The leading scorer for Bellevue was Ameal Long with 12 points.

Central enjoyed a 48-37 lead at the half. The Mules pulled away in the second half going 24 for 37 in field goal attempts, two for five from three-point land, and six for seven in free throws. The final score was 104-71. Central moved to 5-0 on the season, and dropped Bellevue to 2-8. The Mules will be playing again tomorrow night as they play host to Lincoln University. □

Struggling Gorillas prepare for toughest test at Kansas

After suffering the first loss of the season to Drury College, the Pittsburg State Gorillas split contests at the Chris Tucker Memorial held at Southern last weekend.

Despite struggling the second half, PSU managed to take the victory on Friday night, 62-53 over St. Francis. Saturday night was a different story as the Gorillas fell to Arkansas Tech, 67-61. PSU dropped to 5-2 on the season and will play again tomorrow when they travel to Lawrence to play the University of Kansas. □

Runnin' in the Big House

Women's track squad looks at competitive MIAA

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

The year 2000 promises many new additions to the world, and the Missouri Southern women's indoor track and field team won't be left out. The team will play host to its first meet in the new, state-of-the-art Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The Missouri Southern Invitational will be Jan. 22.

"Sixty percent of the team are new to Missouri Southern," said Patty Vavra, head coach. "We have added a large number of freshmen and transfer students to the team this season, making this team really talented."

Abby Robertson, sophomore transfer from Oklahoma Baptist University, was a three-time state champion in hurdles at Grove High School in Oklahoma. Jeanie Buckaloo and Crystal Spoon, junior transfers, were both all-Americans. Katrina Parrish, sophomore transfer sprinter, came from Willard. Even though she believes the new additions are talented and will help the team greatly, Vavra stresses that the top scorers last season were seniors and have left the team. She said the returning veterans will need to step up a notch and take control.

"Overall, all ladies have great attitudes," Vavra said.

Jamie Burnham, assistant coach, is in charge of the distance runners and said seniors are usually selected as team captains.

"We have two distance runners who are seniors," Burnham said. "Jill Becker will run the 3000 and 5000, and Emily Petty will run the 800 and the mile."

"They are both good leaders."

Some other distance runners include Angela Hyde, freshman, who will run the 800 and the mile. Tara Burnett, freshman, coming off a torn ligaments injury from high school, will run the mile and the 3000. Ashleigh Wendleton, freshman, was the No. 1 runner in cross country.

"We should do very well this season," Burnham said.

According to Burnham, in conference action all teams are on an even level at this time. However, Southern's arch rivals, Pittsburg State University and Truman State University, appear competitive.

"Our goal is to be able to come together and gel together as a team, like we did in the past couple of seasons," Vavra said. "The players will need to get to know each other, before they can buy into our program." □



Sophomore Abby Robertson prepares for the indoor track season. Robertson won three Oklahoma state titles in hurdles.

Lions gear up for first indoor track meet, open at Arkansas

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

While the first meet of the season is still more than a month away, practice has begun for the men's indoor track team.

After hosting the national cross country meet on Nov. 20, Tom Rutledge, men's track and field coach, has been preparing his track team since returning from Thanksgiving break. The squad will consist of about 31 runners this season.

Rutledge expressed his excitement that Missouri Southern now has an indoor track facility.

"It's going to be nice to have an indoor facility to be able to train in, which will

enhance our program," he said. "Now with Leggett & Platt [Athletic Center], we have the capabilities of training properly."

Rutledge believes the strengths in his team come from the 800-meter events and up, as well as the field events.

A young squad of distance runners and sprinters will compete for the Lions. Rutledge pointed out that freshman Thomas Quaid will be a valuable runner on his team. Other promising freshmen should be Petri Kykry and Simo Wannas from Finland. Rutledge added that another athlete from Finland will be joining the team at semester.

One of the top returning seniors for Southern will be high jumper and

returning all-American Kevin Dotson.

"People should come see Kevin Dotson jump," Rutledge said. "He's a very good athlete, just astronomical."

One of Southern's main goals is to win conference. Rutledge knows this will not be easy with other strong conference teams such as Central Missouri State University, which has much depth. Pittsburg State University will be another challenge with its sprinters and hurdlers. Other teams in the hunt will be Emporia State University and Northwest Missouri State University.

"Right now we are just kind of getting ready," Dotson said. "Early on, we don't do a whole lot — just a lot of basic

building and a lot of running."

Dotson said as the season gets closer, the team will work on more specific areas.

Southern will open the indoor portion of its track season on Jan. 15, where the team will compete at the University of Arkansas.

"I think we have a good team," Dotson said. "We have strong distance runners, and that was proven when they took second in the cross country conference. Of course our ultimate goal is to win conference."

Jan. 22 is the date for the first home track meet. Rutledge hopes to see a big crowd.

"If people come out and watch, they will enjoy themselves thoroughly," he said. "This is going to be exciting." □

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Southern dominates early play

Only one word is needed to describe the men's basketball team in the early stages of this season. "Unbelievable!"

The first impressive aspect about this team would have to be the humbleness. After the Lions recorded their first big win of the season against Bartlesville Wesleyan by a score of 96-51, who wouldn't have thought Coach Corn would be pleased? However, his response was, "We played well at times." We played well at times? Holy cow! We won 96-51.

Finally, after Southern's first road win against Northeastern, Corn

admits his team is playing some pretty good roundball. Maybe remaining humble for the first few games is not such a bad idea. It's apparent now that this team is for real.

The most

impressive aspect is the balance. Let's look at Osiris Ricardo, Brad Mann, and Carlos Newberry. Here are three guys who are playing like seniors.

One of the biggest problems for Southern last year was not being able to rebound that stickin' ball. But with the 6-10 Ricardo returning to the lineup after last year's injury, this has not been a major area of concern. Not only the rebounding, but this guy has missed scoring in double digits in only one game thus far. Thank God Coach Corn has his connections with Puerto Rico. Ricardo is the MVP as the non-conference season comes to a close.

As for Mann, his big game came against NSU where the Redmen were threatening late in the game. His big rebounds sealed that victory.

And then there's four-year senior Carlos Newberry. If every game was the Pittsburg State Classic or Chris Tucker Memorial, this team would be in the driver's seat. With 14 points over Mesa State, 16 points over John Brown, 13 points over Arkansas Tech, and 14 more over St. Francis — wow!

The seniors are not the only Lions playing great. Sophomore Terry Shumpert is playing outstanding ball. In the Arkansas Tech game he swished 21 points, helping his team's cause, and then Tuesday night he hit a career-high 28 points.

And what about Carlos Escalera? Like Mann, his night to shine came at NSU where he scored 20 points, and was the man who kept Southern undefeated. Overall, this whole team is playing solid.

Tonight Southern closes out the non-conference season here against Rockhurst, which beat us last year.

The Lions are turning Leggett & Platt into a tough venue for visitors. St. Francis was the only team not blown out by halftime.

Coach Corn will try to deliver Southern the Christmas gift of an 8-0 start. With this streak in their stocking, the Lions will carry confidence into the conference season. The Lions begin MIAA play on Jan. 3 at Missouri-Rolla.

The MIAA is one heck of a conference this year. With only six losses taking place overall in the non-conference portion, the Lions have their work cut out for them. But like Corn said, if his team stays healthy, this will be the gift that keeps giving the whole year. □

Lions off to 7-0, making their best ever start

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Missouri Southern recently made history in two different ways.

First of all, the men's basketball team is off to its best start in school history, with a record of 7-0.

Missouri Southern traveled to Central Arkansas Tuesday where its winning record extended. Robert Corn, men's basketball coach, said his team struggled defensively throughout the second half.

"I thought we played out of control at times," he said. "I thought we played hurried at times."

Southern, which dropped Central Arkansas to 2-6 on the season,

shot 51 percent from the floor, and 24 for 28 from the free-throw line. Sophomore Terry Shumpert led the Lions as he exploded for a career-high 28 points.

Last weekend, Southern was home to play host to the Freeman Sports Medicine/Chris Tucker Memorial Classic. Southern played its first game on Friday night against Arkansas Tech.

"We got beat by NSU in overtime, and Southern beat them so that scares us," said Robert Thompson, basketball coach of ATU, with a smile before the game.

The Lions downed the Wonder Boys, 90-52, to move to 5-0 on the season. ATU dropped to 4-3. Sophomore Terry Shumpert once again went crazy from three-point

land, shooting four for five. Leading Southern with 21 points, he was seven for 10 in field goal attempts, and three for five in free throws.

"It seemed like we really just quit," Thompson said. "I'm really disappointed in our ball club tonight."

"I don't know that we could have played basketball any better than we did," Corn said.

Southern played in the final game of the basketball classic Saturday night. The Lions took on the Fighting Saints of St. Francis.

"I feel we've been playing well defensively and been playing well offensively," said Pat Sullivan, head coach at St. Francis, before the game. "When we play well against this competition, this only

helps us in the long run."

St. Francis was 2-4 going into Saturday's game.

Despite the Fighting Saints' record, Southern struggled in the first half, hitting only 12 for 30 field goals. Surprisingly to the fans, the Lions were up only 29-27 at the half. The second half was the difference, though, as the Lions outscored the Fighting Saints, 47-28. The final score was 76-55.

Southern moved to 6-0 on the season, which gave the school its best start in history.

"The players are excited about that," Corn said. "We just need to keep building and growing as a basketball team."

History was also made on Nov. 23, when the Lions played their

first game ever in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Southern defeated Bartlesville Wesleyan by a score of 96-51.

Other contest winners for the men's basketball team include: 73-55 over Mesa State; 95-65 over John Brown University; and 58-54 over Northeastern State.

The Lions will be completing their non-conference schedule at seven tonight when they play host to Rockhurst.

"They're going to be a tough basketball team," Corn pointed out.

"They're always well-coached. They're the type of team that shoots the basketball well."

Corn hopes for a big crowd to come out tonight and support his undefeated Lions. □

Ricardo foresees team going far

6-10 center aids team in rebounds

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

After watching last year's season from a spectator's view, senior Osiris Ricardo returns in uniform as the Missouri Southern men's basketball team for one last go-around.

In a preseason scrimmage last year, Ricardo suffered a knee injury which prevented him from play the entire season.

"That was a big blow to our basketball team last year," said Robert Corn, men's basketball coach. "This was a guy from the bulk and standpoint we just could not replace."

While this hurt the Lions last year as a team, Corn believes having Ricardo back has strengthened this year's team. Defensively, Corn points out that Ricardo poses a huge threat to other teams. In his junior year, he led Southern in blocked shots.

Corn said one of the biggest problems for the Lions last year was their struggling in rebounds. He said Ricardo's return has benefited the team tremendously thus far. As well as leading in blocked shots, the 6-10 center also led his team in rebounds his junior year.

Before coming to Southern, Ricardo attended South Plains Junior College where he was an All-Conference honorable mention as a sophomore.

"I have pretty good background from Puerto Rico (Ricardo's home country),"

Corn remarked. "One of my best friends told me about Osiris playing on the junior college team at the time. He (Ricardo) came up for a visit and I'm glad he did."

Ricardo is glad he decided to attend Southern.

"When I was at South Plains College, I was down there, and I didn't think I wanted to visit other schools," he said. "And then Coach Corn talked to me and I decided to come here. I don't regret to come here, and I think I fit perfect in this program."

Ricardo has several goals he still would like to achieve, and would like to see his team achieve. He believes Southern has a legitimate chance of winning the conference, and would like to advance to the NCAA tournament and win it.

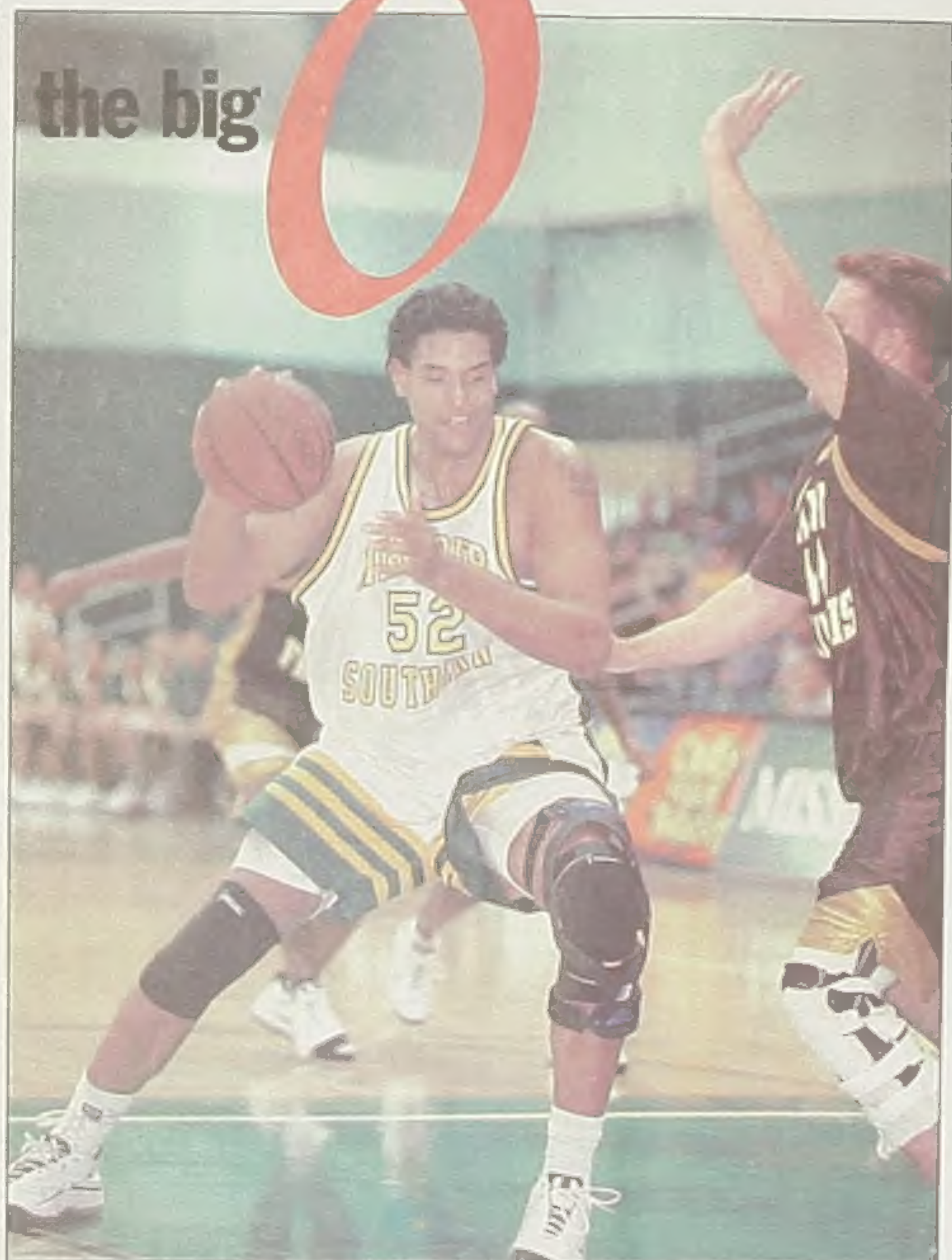
While he was disappointed not to have played last year, Ricardo thinks it might have been for the best because he looks at this year's team as destined to go a long way.

"I see more chemistry in this team," he said. "I really think we can go far if we do what we can do. And we have done that so far."

Ricardo always cares about how he plays in games. However, he points out that basketball is a team effort, and that as long as his team comes out on top in the end, there is reason to be proud.

"I love winning," he stressed.

"I think the big thing, and for all the seniors in that we want to go out in a positive way and have a good time," Corn said. "Off the court, we want Osiris to get his degree, and he'll be successful." □



Senior Osiris Ricardo has had only one game this season where he has not managed to score in double figures. Southern is playing St. Francis, where Ricardo put up 11 points.

Women's basketball hit by early heartbreakers

By GARY SHELBY
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Missouri Southern participated in the Northeastern State University Redmen Shoppe Classic in Tahlequah, Okla., to start the 1999-2000 season.

The University of Arkansas-Monticello edged the Lady Lions 69-67.

Senior forward Lyndsey Kenealy led the way with nine of 10 shooting from the field, and 19 points altogether. Her 11 rebounds were a team high.

Southern Arkansas dealt the Lady Lions their second loss in as many days, with a 68-53 setback.

Kenealy registered her second double-double of the season by scoring 13 points, and grabbing 10 rebounds.

As a team, Southern shot 36 percent from the floor the entire game.

Over the Thanksgiving break, Southern faced Panhandle State University in the Pittsburg State University Pizza Hut Classic. The Lady Lions shot only 33 percent en route to a 85-67 loss.

Senior Chara Oldfield scored 25 points, and junior Sara Jones added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Head coach Amy Townsend said the team is keeping the number of turnovers down, but missed shots

from the free throw line and the field have cost them.

"The last couple of weeks have been pretty disheartening to our program and our staff," she said. "There are some things we're doing as a basketball program that only [we] can fix."

Southern shot only 33 percent from the floor, and 33 percent from the free throw line.

Against Lincoln University, the Lady Lions halted their losing streak in three games with a 63-58 win.

Townsend said keeping turnovers down contributed in the win. She also said sophomore guard Jayme Callahan had her best game of the

season. Callahan scored 11 points, had six steals, and dished out a team-high four assists.

Sophomore center Katie Gariss had team highs of 15 points and 9 rebounds.

Collectively, the Lady Lions' statistics were absolutely identical to those of the PSU game, but numbers can be misleading.

"We played a much better game at basketball," Townsend said. "We only turned the ball over 14 times and we did some nice things."

Townsend said her team has struggled to get its first victory out the way, as well as living up to the team's expectations.

The Lady Lions play in the

"The last couple of weeks have been pretty disheartening to our program."

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